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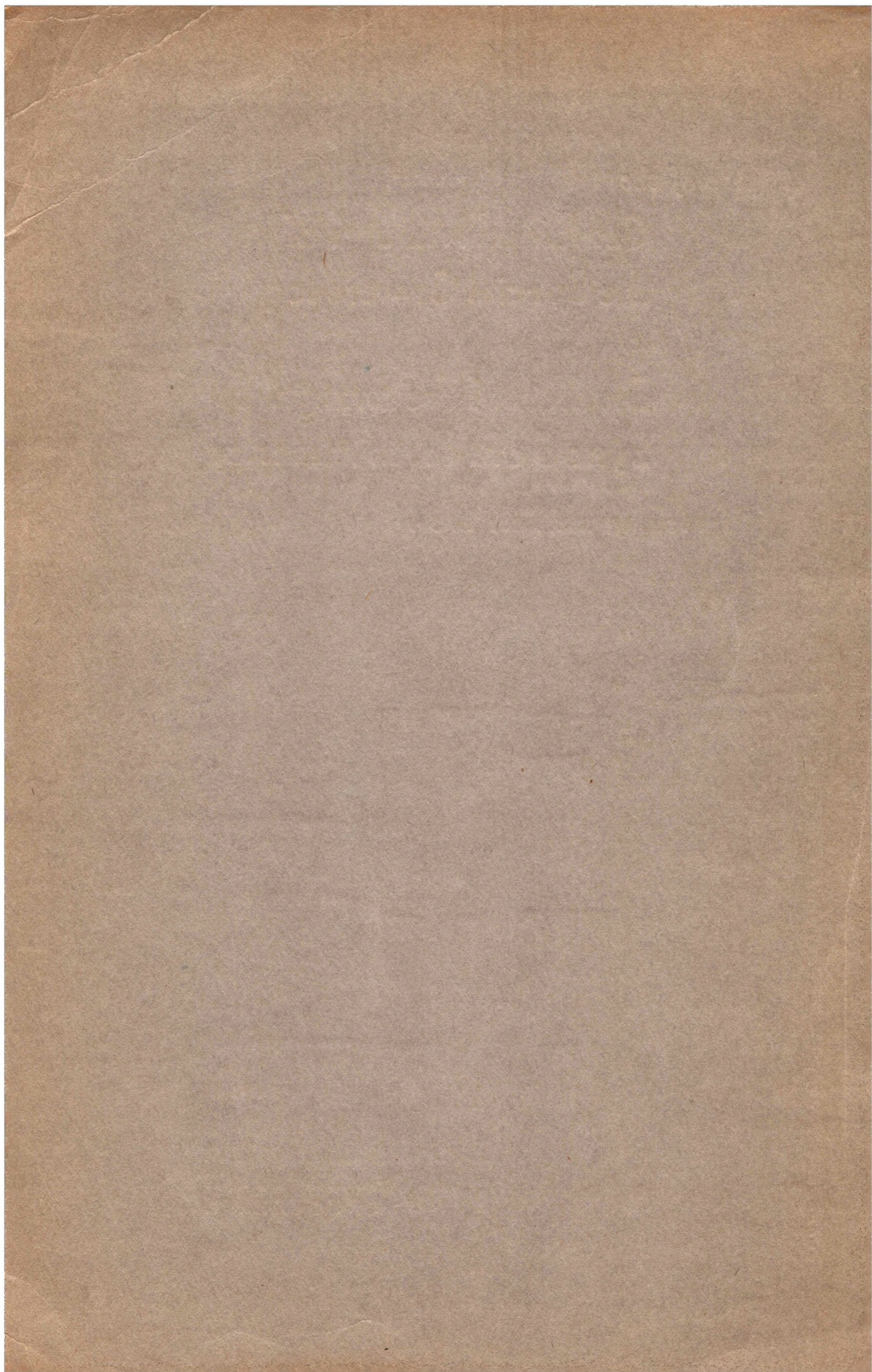
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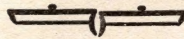


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When the General Conference passed a resolution authorizing and ordering the printing of all district minutes in one volume, it did not foresee that such a task would require a careful editing of all material in order to make it uniform as to headings, spelling, punctuation, and capitalization. As a result the manuscript has been very incompletely edited; for there was no one authorized for the task, and those who might have volunteered could not spare the time. This work would have required at least three weeks of one man's full time. Fortunately the minutes are short, and so this volume may serve as a test whether or not we like our minutes in this form.

*H. P. Vieth*, involuntary and part-editor.







**MINUTES**  
of the  
**49th ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**ATLANTIC DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Fayette and Carey Streets  
**Baltimore, Maryland**  
Rev. Paul G. Gabler, Pastor  
**May 3 to 7, 1934**

Conference Theme: *"The Living Church in a Changing World"*

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**Worship Services, Devotional Exercises and Addresses**

In a schedule, providing for and embracing four public worship services, five addresses, a communion and a memorial service, a devotional exercise and adequate time for the transaction of business, the program presented at the Atlantic District Conference was rich and varied.

The opening worship service took place Thursday evening, May 4. The Rev. Wm. Anderson served at the altar and the Rev. Charles Enders occupied the pulpit. The subject of his discourse was the Conference Theme: "The Living Church in a Changing World." His text he found in Hebrews 13: 8 which he interpreted in part as follows:

1. THE CHANGING WORLD

- A. The world is not static but constantly changing
  - In business, from simple barter to complicated modern systems
  - In industry, from slavery through feudalism to machine age
  - In politics, from tribal paternalism to imperialism, through republicanism to dictatorship.
  - In habits and conditions of living; in transportation and communications; in science and education, etc.

2. THE LIVING CHURCH

- A. Church is able to make adjustments without sacrificing vital values
- B. Living as long as it holds fast to the unchanging Christ
- C. Christ centered in its message.

The uplifting, spiritual tone of this service was in no small degree due to the well rendered anthems of the choir. During the service the Rev. Paul G. Gabler expressed warm words of welcome and greeting, which in like fashion were responded to by the President of the District, the Rev. F. C. Rueggeberg.



Friday morning the session began with a Communion Service in charge of the Rev. Paul G. Gabler, assisted by the pastors F. C. Rueggeberg and H. M. Strub. The morning session was closed with a devotional exercise conducted by the Rev. Ray. Frankenfeld.

Friday evening the Conference guests and the congregation united again for public worship. The Rev. E. J. Dettbarn had charge of the liturgical service and the Rev. R. Niebuhr, D.D., of Union Seminary, New York City, delivered a profoundly prophetic message on the basis of Isaiah 66, using as his sermon text: "The Christian Faith in a Chaotic World." Outlining his thoughts briefly, he spoke of the meaning of life; its easy solution by some, e. g., by way of science through which comfort and security are seemingly obtained. He brought out that every beauty, joy or sorrow points beyond itself. This worldliness is placed over against an other-worldliness. Life is purposeful. The destruction of modern civilization does not prove chaos but purpose and meaning of life. Life cannot be explained in its own terms but in those of a life beyond."

Saturday morning a memorial service opened the day's work. This service was conducted by the Rev. E. J. Paetzold who memorialized the departed, especially those of our District in an original and inspiring manner.

Conference Sunday as usual presented the climax of worship and public praise. In the Sunday school the pastors Theo. F. Fischer and L. C. Miller addressed the main assembly and the Bible class respectively. This was followed by regular services in which the Rev. E. T. Henzel led and during which the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, Evansville, Ind., Synodical representative, delivered the sermon. He used as his text Matthew 11: 2 and his subject was "The Task of the Church in a Changing Order." Basing his message on the inquiry of John the Baptist he summarized the task of the church under three headings as follows:

1. To direct humanity to the ideals of the Kingdom of God as the only adequate objective.
2. To accept the principles of unselfish love as the all-sufficient motivation.
3. To demonstrate the adequacy of the power of the Holy Spirit to regenerate the individual and rebuild the social order.

In the evening another beautiful service took place. The Rev. P. Briesemeister was the leader and the Rev. H. Grunwald delivered the sermon. His subject was: "The Living Christ in a Changing World." His text he found in Matthew 22: 38-39. Under three heads he dwelt upon the following thoughts, briefly stated:

1. Jesus lived in a changing world.  
This burdened his soul.  
His solution—a spiritual one—disappoints the Jews.
2. The Problems of Our Changing World.  
Nationalism a rival of Christianity.  
Secularism parades under the banner of religion.



3. The Living Christ in Our Changing World.

The challenge to Christianity.

Solution of problem lies in the power of the Spirit.

During the course of the Conference the following five addresses were delivered.

1. "Making the Church Spiritually Alive," by Titus Lehman.
2. "Making the Church Educationally Sincere," by Rev. J. Kehoe.
3. "Making the Church Morally Venturesome," by Rev. B. Tannler.
4. "Making the Church Evangelistically True," by Rev. Wm. Anderson.

5. A brief address by the Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, the Synodical representative, served as an introduction to an Open Forum on the Proposed Merger of the Evangelical Synod and the Reformed Church. All these papers were consistently well prepared and gave food for much thought.

Out of a sense of deep respect and because of the high esteem in which he was held not only in our District but throughout the entire Synod and beyond its borders, the Conference recessed Saturday afternoon to take part in the funeral rites of the late Dr. D. Bruning. The entire Conference took part either as a guard of honor or actively in the rites held in the chapel of St. Matthews Church and at the grave.

As a closing feature of the Conference an outing was arranged for Monday. The entire group and some Baltimoreans journeyed to Lancaster, Pa., per auto and bus. Met by a delegation of Reformed pastors a few miles before reaching Lancaster, we were escorted to the First Reformed Church of Lancaster. Here we were the guests of the Reformed Ministerium of Lancaster. After a delightful luncheon and under the chairmanship of the Rev. N. H. Bollmann, pastor of the church, Dr. Richards of the Lancaster Seminary was presented to the assembled guests. He in turn introduced Dr. Paul Leinbach, editor of the Reformed Messenger, who addressed us briefly. Our President, Rev. F. C. Rueggeberg was then presented and briefly responded for our group.

After a short intermission, another meeting was called to order in the church auditorium. Here the Rev. F. C. Rueggeberg conducted a brief devotional period. The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder was then introduced and spoke concerning the imminent union of the two church bodies, to which address a brief reply was made by the Rev. N. H. Bollmann.

From the church the motor cavalcade was then piloted through the city to the campus of the Reformed Church educational institutions, the Franklin and Marshall College, the Lancaster Theological Seminary and the Franklin and Marshall Academy. After a short tour of inspection through the Theological Seminary, we were led to the chapel of F. and M. College. Here the President of the College, Dr. H. H. Apple, the President of the Seminary, Dr. Richards and the President of the Academy, Dr. E. M. Hartman, each told us of the respective schools over which they presided.



After adjournment an inspection of the grounds was undertaken and then the Conference and their hosts wended their way home and the 1934 Conference came to an auspicious close.

### Conference Committees

1. *Credential Committee*—Pastors: H. Yaggi, H. Grunwald, A. Juergens. Lay Delegates: Huber Memorial Baltimore, Md.; St. Johns, Baltimore; Miss Hilda Huefe, Washington, D. C.; St. Pauls, Trenton.
2. *Elections Committee*—(A) Pastors: Titus Lehmann, Wm. Moenkhaus, Theo. F. Fischer. Lay Delegates: St. Johns-Concordia, Baltimore; St. Johns, Richmond. (B) Pastors: B. Tannler, P. W. Meisenheimer. Lay Delegates: St. Matthews, Baltimore; Friedens, Schenectady; Immanuel, Williamsport.
3. *Synodical Reports*—Pastors: F. A. Giese, P. E. Zeller, Wm. Anderson. Lay Delegates: St. Martin, Annapolis; Evangelical Protestant, Albany; St. Stephens, Newark.
4. *District Reports*—Pastors: E. J. F. Dettbarn, E. T. Henzel, E. J. Paetzold, J. Schauer. Lay Delegates: St. Pauls, Troy; Zion, Frostburg; Emmanuel, Irvington.
5. *Special Resolutions*—Pastors: S. Lefton, R. Jungfer.
6. *Publicity Committee*—Pastor: Paul G. Gabler. Lay Delegate: First United, Baltimore.

### Resolutions

#### Synodical Reports

1. The Atlantic District is sorry to hear of the illness of Dr. Paul Menzel, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. We commend him to God and pray for his recovery.
2. The Atlantic District wishes to re-emphasize the words of our deceased President General Dr. C. W. Locher: "If it ever was incumbent on us to realize that the Christian Church is not of man's making, but of divine origin, it is at this time. Its Master Builder is not Peter nor Paul, not Luther nor Melancthon, not Zwingli nor Calvin, but Jesus Christ who said: "I will build my church."
3. The Atlantic District expresses its confidence in the new Synodical President and wishes him speedy recovery.
4. The Atlantic District commends all synodical officers for their faithful services and especially our Synodical Treasurer, Mr. F. A. Keck, for his courteous correspondence with our respective churches.
5. The Atlantic District feels grateful to God and our missionaries, that we have been able to maintain our churches on the Home and Foreign fields without curtailment in spite of reduced budgets.
6. The Atlantic District rejoices in the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Home Mission work and the 50th Anniversary of Foreign Mission work and urges all churches to observe these events. We commend the Mission Boards for their preparation of the fine pamphlet:



"Missionary Horizons" and look forward to the appearance of the new pamphlet.

Signed:     *Rev. F. A. Giese, Chairman*  
              *Rev. Paul Zeller*  
              *Mr. Frew E. Miller*  
              *Mr. Isaac W. Wilson*  
              *Rev. Wm. Anderson, Secretary.*

#### **District Reports**

1. We urge the congregations in our District to do their utmost in raising their quotas toward the synodical Budget during these trying days, so that the work of the church might go on unhindered.

2. We rejoice to note that the mission churches in our District have been able not only to carry on in the past year but actually show some progress and growth, which is, we believe, next to God, in no little measure due to the untiring efforts of our faithful mission workers.

3. The Atlantic District favors the suggestion of the Baltimore Regional Conference that we get in touch with the Reformed Church in reference to a Leadership Training School in our section and advises the District Council to take such steps as it deems necessary to ascertain the advisability and the possibility of such a school.

4. The Committee recommends to the Conference that the President and the Secretary be given the customary gratuity.

5. We thank St. Luke's Church and its pastor for the hospitality shown in entertaining the Conference and vote the sexton a gift of \$10.00.

6. The District makes the appropriation of the sum of \$100.00 from the District Treasury to the E. L. T. S. at Dunkirk, N. Y.

7. To all who have been visited by sorrow the District expresses its deepest sympathy.

Signed:     *Mr. John G. Merrbach*  
              *Rev. E. T. Henzel*  
              *Rev. E. J. F. Dettbarn*  
              *Mr. Peter Ernst*  
              *Mr. William G. Kunz*  
              *Rev. J. Schauer*  
              *Rev. E. J. Paetzold*

#### **Special Resolutions**

1. The Atlantic District recommends that the name of the merged church bodies be "Evangelical and Reformed Church."

2. The Atlantic District recommends that the new church body take a positive position in reference to the "War Question."

3. God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call to his heavenly home, Dr. David Bruning after a severe and lingering illness.

Dr. Bruning was a member of this District for fourteen years, and contributed greatly to the spiritual life thereof, but his greatest contribution was to the Evangelical Synod in his editing of the Church Hymnal and as chairman of Eden Seminary Board for many years, in



which capacity he assisted materially in the shaping of the lives and the sphere of education of hundreds of pastors in our Synod. As such chairman his memory will be cherished long after his departure from this life into the Church Triumphant.

In the passing of Dr. Bruning our Synod has lost an important leader and Christian, the District a valued advisor, his congregation a devoted pastor and friend, and his family a devoted husband and father.

Ever humble, his wise counsel, his firm faith and kind understanding will be greatly missed. It is therefore fitting that the Atlantic District of the Evangelical Synod of N. A. spread on its record a copy of these minutes and tender the bereaved family its deepest sympathy in their loss and trust the Leader of the Church Triumphant will send his Holy Comforter to those nearest and dearest to him and strengthen them in this hour of their trial to such an extent that they may realize that he is translated from this imperfect to that more glorious and perfect life above, where sorrow shall reign no more and tears be forgotten.

4. WHEREAS, it has pleased God to call the Rev. Caspar William Locher, D.D., President of the Evangelical Synod of N. A., to his eternal rest, and WHEREAS, Dr. Locher not only served the Evangelical Synod wisely and well as its chief executive, but also contributed much to the welfare of the Atlantic District in various positions of responsibility, among them the Presidency of the District.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Atlantic District of the Evangelical Synod of N. A., assembled in annual conference,

THAT it herewith express its deep sorrow over the death of Dr. Locher and its appreciation of his fine leadership and wise counsel, and the example of his faith and life, and

That it extend to Mrs. Locher and her family its heartfelt sympathy with them in their bereavement, committing them to the gracious comfort of the Heavenly Father and the consolation of the Risen Saviour.

5. It was resolved by the Conference that a copy of each of the above sets of resolutions be sent to the respective families.

6. The Atlantic District pledges itself to forego all unscriptural methods of raising money for Kingdom purposes, and urges all its pastors and the members of its churches to use the direct method of giving.

7. In recognition of Mr. Adam Friedrich's twenty-five years of faithful and untiring service as Treasurer of the Atlantic District, the Conference of 1934 shows its heartfelt appreciation by a rising vote of thanks and wishes him gladness and joy with God's blessing.

8. A vote of thanks was extended to the Moderator for the fine manner in which he conducted the meetings.

#### **Credentials, Excuses and Traveling Expenses**

The following pastors were excused from attendance at the Conference but were not exempted from traveling expenses: Dr. R. Stave,



Rev. E. Fuhrmann, Sr., Rev. E. Fuhrmann, Jr., Rev. H. Manrodt, Rev. O. Egli and Rev. Wm. Bourquin.

The following congregations received the same treatment: Salem, Columbia, Pa.; Woodlawn, Baltimore; Morrell Park, Baltimore; Zion, Newark.

Various members of the Conference were granted permission for part time absence from the Conference.

The final report of the Committee on Traveling Expenses, which was adopted by the Conference reads as follows:

"There are 43 pastors and commissioned workers present at the Atlantic District Conference of 1934. The total traveling expenses of this group amounts to \$168.82. This was pro-rated at \$4.12. By Conference resolution this was raised to \$4.25 and any surplus is to be turned into the District Treasury.

There are 27 official lay delegates present and 35 included in the traveling expenses for this group. The total traveling expenses for this group amount to \$328.76. This was pro-rated among 35 and amounts to an equalized sum of \$9.39. By Conference resolution this was raised to \$9.50 and any surplus ordered turned into the District Treasury.

Signed:

*Rev. H. G. Yaggi*

*Rev. A. Juergens*

*Rev. H. Grunwald*

*Mr. C. F. Haacker*

*Miss H. Huefe*

### **Elections**

*Moderator:* Rev. Charles Enders; *Vice-Moderator:* Mr. F. C. Heitkamp.

*Delegates to the Special General Conference:* Pastors: Rev. F. C. Rueggeberg, ex officio, Rev. Charles Enders, Rev. P. Briesemeister, Rev. E. J. F. Dettbarn. Laymen: Messrs. H. W. Schultheis, F. W. Mankey, F. C. Heitkamp. Alternates: Pastors Henry M. Strub, P. L. Schmidt, E. J. Paetzold, Laymen: Messrs. H. Dunkorst, E. F. Schauer, A. Friedrich.

*Delegates to the Merger Conference:* Pastors: Rev. F. C. Rueggeberg, Rev. Charles Enders. Laymen: Messrs. H. W. Schultheis, F. W. Mankey. Alternates: Pastors: Rev. P. Briesemeister, Rev. E. J. Dettbarn. Layman: Mr. F. C. Heitkamp.

### **Addenda**

The business of the Conference was transacted in two regular, one ministerial and one laymen's sessions.

The Rev. Paul M. Schroeder, Evansville, Ind., was the official representative of the Rev. P. Press, President of the Synod. He was given a vote of thanks for his presence and counsel.

Signed: *Henry M. Strub*, Secretary.

Read and approved:  
*F. C. Rueggeberg.*

June 5, 1934.



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**38th ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**CALIFORNIA DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**St. John's Evangelical Church**  
**Los Angeles, California**  
**May 8, 1934**

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The Special 38th Conference of the California District opened for registration at 10:00 A. M. on Tuesday, May 8, at St. John's Church, Los Angeles. The opening devotional at 10:30 A. M. was conducted by the Rev. Theo. E. Schulz on the conference theme, "That they may be one."

President Saenger then declared the conference open for business. At 10:45 the Committee on Credentials, Rev. Theo. Tillmanns, chairman, reported and the following delegates were given seat and vote:

Hollywood—Julius Irion, 1812 Westerly Terrace.

Long Beach—H. A. Wutzler, 185 Claremont Ave. (Zion).

Los Angeles:

Immanuel—Wm. Libbert, 422 W. 52nd St.

St. John—Mrs. Mathilda Orbach, 5715 7th Ave.

St. Paul—Mr. John Lohmann, 1157 E. 22nd St.

Zion, City Terrace—Mrs. K. Burnham.

Oakland—St. Mark—Harold Hagen, 4148 Bayo St.

Pasadena—St. John—R. Frauenfelder, 456 West Walnut St.

Petaluma, Grace—Frank Jessen, R. 2, Box 94.

San Francisco—

Bethel—Frank Springer, 56 Davers St.

St. John—Wm. Warnke, 748 19th Ave.

San Rafael—St. Matthew—Miss Maria Tillmanns.

Pomona—St. John—E. Haendel, Covina, Calif.

Woodland—St. John—Henry Kauptke.

Casa Grande, Ariz., and San Bruno, Calif., were not represented.

Rev. C. Saenger was elected as moderator and Rev. H. Robert Gebhardt as vice-moderator.

The Conference program was adopted as presented, with the following changes: The meeting of the Southern Regional Benevolent Association was set for 1:30 P. M. and the meeting of the District Benevolent Association for 2:00 P. M. Due to a misunderstanding concerning as to who should present the two papers on Wednesday morn-



ing, it was voted to change this to a Round Table discussion on the same subject.

Moderator Saenger introduced Dr. Evemeyer and Rev. Schmuck, visiting pastors from the Reformed Church. Mrs. Voltz of Long Beach and Mr. A. Leonhard, manager of our Home for the Aged in San Rafael, were also introduced.

At 11:00 A. M. the conference heard the District President's report. It was given to Committee No. 2.

At 11:20 the District Home Missions Report was given by Rev. B. E. Schalow. This was given to Committee No. 3.

Then followed reports by the Budget Secretary, Christian Education Commission, and Southern Region, all by Rev. Gebhardt.

President Saenger appointed the following members for Committee No. 4: Revs. J. Nuesch, G. Tillmanns and Mr. F. Jessen and Mrs. K. Burnham.

The Pension Board report prepared by Rev. Satzinger was read by Rev. Nuesch.

The Budget Secretary, Christian Education and Pension Board reports were given to Committee No. 4.

Dr. F. L. Dorn, Chairman of the District Judiciary, reported, "All is quiet on the western front."

The Treasurer's report by Treasurer Quest revealed a balance of \$79.07 at the opening of the Conference. Mr. Julius Irion and Mr. Wm. Libbert were appointed to audit the treasurer's books.

After considerable discussion on the subject of traveling expenses, it was voted that lowest rail fare plus tourist sleeper both ways be allowed. It was also voted that this resolution be effective until changed by future conference vote.

Adjournment followed for lunch.

The afternoon session began at 3:30 P. M. with a quorum present.

Requests for excuses for both attendance and participation in traveling expenses were granted for both pastor and delegate from Casa Grande and for delegate from San Bruno.

Committee No. 2 reported and the following resolutions were passed:

1. We thank Rev. Saenger for his untiring work in his office and for his thorough report prepared for this special district conference. *Passed.*

2. Although our deceased President General Dr. Locher's suggestion to send only one pastor and one lay delegate from our district to the Special General Conference to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, is not constitutional, but whereas only one pastor and one lay delegate of our district will be entitled to vote in the newly constituted body—be it resolved that this 38th District Conference of the California District follow Dr. Locher's suggestion and elect only one pastor and one lay delegate with full powers. *Passed.*

3. As regards the name of our denomination after the merger, the committee suggests that this session go on record as favoring the



name "*The United Church in America*," as recommended by the Minnesota District. *Passed.*

4. We wish Brother Ellerbrake, who has gone to the North Illinois District, God's blessings in his present field, and we hope that the new men in California, Brothers T. Schulz and O. G. Wichmann, will also experience God's rich blessings upon their efforts in their new fields of service. *Passed.*

5. We extend a hearty vote of thanks to our host church, St. John's, and to the pastor, Rev. Gebhardt and family, for their kind hospitality shown during this conference. *Passed.*

Committee No. 3 reported and the following resolutions were passed:

1. The California District extends a hearty vote of thanks to the Home Mission personnel, boards and workers, for faithful services rendered.

2. We are indeed happy to welcome Rev. T. Schulz to Long Beach and would ask him to persevere in his field even under trying conditions.

3. We express our heartfelt thanks to Rev. G. Tillmanns for his faithful work at San Rafael and wish him God's richest blessings.

4. The California District heartily approves of the proposed merger of the Hollywood Church with the Trinity Reformed of West Hollywood.

5. The California District is very happy over the progress of the work at San Bruno under the able leadership of Rev. Theo. Tillmanns.

6. The California District takes notice of the encouraging report of our work at City Terrace under the able leadership of Rev. Stommel, and sees therein a promise that this field may become self-sustaining in not a distant future.

7. The California District notices also with satisfaction that the pastor Rev. R. H. Gebhardt and his congregation are putting forth every effort to make St. John's Congregation self-supporting. May God's richest blessing abide with them, as in the past, so also in the future.

Committee No. 4 reported and the following two resolutions passed:

1. The California District is grateful to God that our Church could take care to a certain degree of our retired pastors or widows of pastors.

2. The California District commends the Southern Region upon the sincere efforts which are being made to carry out the Federation program.

The auditing committee reported that the treasurer's books had been audited and were found to be correct. A vote of thanks was extended to our faithful treasurer, Mr. C. Quast.

Following were the results of the election for delegates to the Special General Conference to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, and also for the United Conference to succeed the separate conferences of the two merging denominations:



Pastor: Rev. C. Saenger. After winning by ballot, Rev. Saenger was unanimously elected by acclamation.

Lay delegate: Frank Jessen, Petaluma, Calif.

Alternates: Rev. J. Nuesch and Mr. Charles Quast.

The committee on traveling expenses reported that the total traveling expenses amounted to \$218.78, or \$8.76 per delegate or pastor on the pro-rated basis. It was voted to raise this amount to \$8.80, the surplus to be placed in the District Treasury.

Adjournment followed.

The second day of the Conference opened at 9:00 A. M. on Wednesday, May 9, with a Memorial and Communion Service conducted by Revs. J. Nuesch and O. G. Wichmann. The Memorial Sermon was preached by Rev. Nuesch. A large portion of this Memorial Service was dedicated to the memory of our beloved late Dr. Locher, esteemed President of our Synod. The influence of his great and noble life will ever live on in the work of His Church.

At 10:00 A. M. the conference was declared open for business. The first hour was set aside for old business. Revs. Suzuki and Ramser were introduced as visitors.

In re the Synodical Recovery Plan, the following resolution was passed: "We are in hearty accord with the principle of the Synodical Recovery Program. We as a District do pledge our support to the program, reserving, however, the right to adapt the plan to the conditions prevailing in our district. For some years it has been the policy of our district to raise our Synodical Budget 100%, and we shall endeavor to do even more in the year before us."

At 11:00 A. M. the Conference indulged in a Round Table Discussion on "The Implications of the Union." Dr. Evemeyer of the Reformed Church and Rev. Nuesch gave short addresses on the subject and led the discussion. This discussion proved to be very stimulating and informational.

Adjournment followed for lunch.

The Conference reconvened at 1:00 P. M. with a quorum present. The District Treasurer gave a district budget report, stating that only two churches had not paid the district quotas for last year.

The District Council next presented the following recommendation: "After deliberation and consultation the District Council finds the elections of yesterday to have been illegally held and herewith resubmits the whole matter to the conference now assembled and informs it that one of two things must be done, either the resolution pertaining to the elections must be unanimously voted or an entirely new election must be held."

The moderator asked the vice-moderator, Rev. Gebhardt, to take the chair.

It was voted that the election of May 8 be declared rescinded.

After a demand for reconsideration, it was voted that the Conference adjourn for one minute to enable it to reconsider the motion on the legality and rescinding of the May 8 elections.



After one minute the Conference reconvened. It was voted and carried by the necessary two-thirds majority that the motion made just before adjournment, declaring the May 8 elections rescinded be now rescinded. Consequently the May 8 elections again stood on the records as legal, in the mind of the conference.

The District Council recommendation was then accepted by the Conference by vote.

A motion was made and seconded that the election of May 8 be now considered legal without further ado. This motion was ruled out of order by the chair.

A motion was then made and seconded that our full representation be sent to the Special General Conference. This motion was voted on and lost.

The following resolution was then re-submitted: "Although our deceased President Dr. Locher's suggestion to send only one pastor and one lay delegate from our district to the Special General Conference is not constitutional, but whereas only one pastor and one lay delegate from our district will be entitled to vote in the newly constituted body, be it resolved that this 38th District Conference of the California follow Dr. Locher's suggestion and elect only one pastor and one lay delegate with full powers."

After a partial roll call revealed that the above would not carry unanimously, a new election ensued.

The following were the results of the second election:

To the Special General Conference—Pastors: Revs. H. Robert Gebhardt and J. Nuesch, President Carl Saenger, ex officio. Alternates: Revs. B. J. Koehler and Theo. E. Schulz. Layman: Mr. F. Jessen. Alternate: Mr. Charles Quast.

To the Synod of the United Churches—Pastor: Rev. Carl Saenger. Alternates: Rev. H. Robert Gebhardt. Layman: Mr. F. Jessen. Alternate: Mr. Charles Quast.

Rev. J. Nuesch generously offered to pay his own share of the pro-rated traveling expenses to the Special General Conference. It was voted to gratefully accept his kind offer.

The Conference then went into a Retreat until 3:30 P. M., conducted by Rev. J. Nuesch. A vote of thanks was extended Brother Nuesch for his fine presentations, dealing with the subject of prayer.

After the retreat it was voted that a synopsis of the minutes be sent to all of the delegates.

The minutes were read and adopted as read.

Adjournment followed.

A closing devotional was led by Rev. H. Robert Gebhardt.

Respectfully submitted,

*B. J. Koehler, Secretary.*



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**29th ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**COLORADO DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**Pioneer Evangelical Church**  
Rev. G. A. Schmidt  
**Denver, Colorado**  
**May 15-16, 1934**

(Abschrift.)

Die Konferenz wurde eröffnet am Vormittag des 15. Mai um 9 Uhr. mit der Feier des heiligen Abendmahls. Pastor Jakob Roth hielt die Beichtrede an Hand von Matth. 26, 26—28 und der Ortspastor diente am Altar.

Sodann erklärte der Präses des Distrikts, Pastor H. Baumgaertel, die Konferenz für eröffnet. Dieselbe erwählte einstimmig Pastor Baumgaertel zum Moderator der Konferenz.

Pastor G. A. Schmidt begrüßte nunmehr die Konferenz aufs herzlichste und wünschte, daß wir alles in diesen Tagen der Konferenz tun möchten zur Ehre Gottes des Vaters.

Hierauf erwiderte der Moderator mit herzlichem Dank im Namen der Konferenz.

Das Komitee für Beglaubigungsschreiben prüfte dieselben und die Konferenz erteilte 11 Delegaten aus 11 Gemeinden Sitz und Stimme.

Das vorliegende Programm der Konferenz wurde gutgeheißen und angenommen.

Gemäß desselben erfolgten nun zuerst die Berichte der Distrikts-Beamten und -Behörden, die alle den betreffenden Komitees zur Bearbeitung übergeben wurden.

Um 11.15 war die Konferenz fertig das Referat von Pastor M. Schoenhaar zu hören über: „Hat das Alte Testament noch für die Christen Gültigkeit?“ Dem Referenten wurde einstimmig der herzlichste Dank der Konferenz für das ausgezeichnete Referat ausgesprochen und eine Zeit am Nachmittag bestimmt über die Thesen des Referats zu sprechen.

Von 11.45 bis 12.15 versammelten sich die Delegaten, resp. die Pastoren, zu getrennten Sitzungen.

Sodann Mittagspause bis 2 Uhr. Während derselben begaben sich die verschiedenen Komitees an ihre Arbeit.

Die Nachmittagsitzung wurde eröffnet mit Gebet von Pastor D. Buchmueller. Die Glieder des Ministeriums brachten den Antrag vor die Konferenz, die Pastoren Rob. Young und Walter Preß in die Synode aufzunehmen. Der Antrag wurde einstimmig zum Beschluß erhoben.



Das Komitee für die Reisekosten berichtete, daß die Gesamtauslagen \$46.07 betrugen und laut Beschluß wurde der Teil der Reisekosten, der auf jede Gemeinde verfiel, auf \$4 abgerundet. Der Ueberschuß soll der Distriktskasse zugute kommen.

Um 2 Uhr begann die Besprechung des Referats vom Vormittag. Die Konferenz war sich einig auf dem Glauben zu stehen, daß die Bibel uns Gottes heiliges Wort ist und bleiben soll, sowohl das Alte Testament wie das Neue Testament.

#### **Anträge der Komiteen.**

##### **Synodal-Praeses:**

The Colorado District appreciates the faithful work of the former President, Dr. C. W. Locher, in his promotion of the organization of our church with the Reformed Church in the U. S. and prays that this union will fulfill the task of both churches, namely the establishing of God's Kingdom of love in the hearts of men everywhere.

##### **Die Delegaten zur Generalkonferenz**

haben das Recht, bei der Abstimmung über die Namensfrage nach bestem Wissen und Gewissen zu stimmen.

##### **Synodalschatzmeister.**

Der Colorado-Distrikt spricht dem Synodalschatzmeister, Herrn F. A. Beck, für seine fleißige und überaus freundliche Amtsführung seinen herzlichsten Dank aus und erwartet von allen Gemeinden und Pastoren, die Finanzangelegenheiten der Synode wirkungsvoll zu unterstützen.

##### **Distriktschatzmeister.**

Der Colorado-Distrikt dankt seinem Schatzmeister für die gute Verwaltung seines Amtes in dem verflossenen Jahr.

##### **Endowment and Trust Fund**

The Colorado District extends its hearty thanks to the Board for Endowment and Trust Funds for its work in caring for the fund entrusted to its care.

##### **Frauenunion.**

Der Colorado-Distrikt nimmt mit Dank Kenntnis von der gesegneten Arbeit und den reichlichen Gaben für die Synode, welche die Union der Evangelischen Frauen leisten und bringen konnte. Möge der Allmächtige seinen Segen auch weiterhin auf dieser Vereinigung ruhen lassen.

Der Colorado-Distrikt beauftragt seine Beamten einen Versuch zu machen, eine Frauenunion-Föderation in unserm Distrikt zu beginnen.

##### **Religious Education**

The Colorado District with the Board of Religious Education senses the tremendous challenge and need of Christian Education as a basic and fundamental task of the Christian Church in our day and pledges its support to the board in its work.

The Colorado District wishes to express its appreciation to the Board for the work that has been done on the new guide for confirmation instruction and looks forward to the completion of this work and also for the contribution that the "Light Bearer" has made and continues to make to the educational work of our church. It feels that



this publication answers an indispensable need and is happy that this fine work is being carried out.

#### **Social Problems**

The Colorado District favors the following charges in the Synod's declaration on war:

1. That the following words be eliminated: We make this declaration of abstention as a Christian community and do not intend to bind individuals unless and until they accept it personally.

2. That the following addition be made: In case of the outbreak of war we shall make every effort to keep our Government from entanglement to prevent the sale of munitions and supplies to belligerents and to counteract the forces of propaganda.

#### **Districts-Missions-Bericht.**

Der Colorado-Distrikt heißt die Uebertreibung des von der Sedgwick-Gemeinde erhaltenen Betrags von \$83.51 an die Distriktskasse einstweilen gut und überläßt die weitere Disposition der nächsten regelmäßigen Distriktskonferenz.

#### **Districtspräses-Bericht.**

Der Colorado-Distrikt dankt seinem ehrwürdigen Präses für die mühevollen und treuen Amtsführung und stimmt der von ihm angeführten Mahnung (1. Kor. 15, 57. 58) bei: „Seid fest.“

Der Familien Zucker und Kroehler, die durch das Hinscheiden lieber Angehöriger in Trauer versetzt wurden, gedenkt der Distrikt in herzlichster Teilnahme.

Der Distrikt bewahrt dem zur Ruhe des Volkes Gottes eingegangenen hochgeschätzten Synodalpräses Dr. C. W. Locher ein ehrendes Andenken und befiehlt die Seinen der Fürsorge dessen der sagt: Ich will euch trösten. Der Distriktssekretär wird beauftragt, das tiefgefühlte Beileid des Distrikts anlässlich des Heimgangs unsers geliebten Synodalpräses seinen trauernden Hinterbliebenen mitzuteilen.

Der Colorado-Distrikt nimmt mit Bedauern Kenntnis von dem Dahinscheiden so mancher treuer Mitarbeiter sowie auch des tüchtigen Werkzeuges des Herrn in der Person unsers Bruders David Bruening. (Die Konferenz erhebt sich und singt „Evang. Hymnals“ Nr. 107).

Der gastgebenden Gemeinde sowohl als auch der Pfarrfamilie G. A. Schmidt spricht der Colorado-Distrikt seinen allerherzlichsten Dank aus.

#### **Außere Mission.**

Wir sind mit der Behörde für Außere Mission darin einig, daß Gott in den verflossenen fünfzig Jahren der Außeren Mission unsrer Kirche wunderbar geholfen hat und daß ihm unser Dank gebührt.

Wir freuen uns über jeden Fortschritt unsrer Missionsarbeit in Indien und Honduras, besonders auch über die Arbeit der ärztlichen Mission und hoffen, daß auch in Honduras ärztliche Missionsarbeit unternommen werden kann.

#### **Predigerseminar.**

Wir sind mit der Leitung unsers Seminars darin einig, daß die Bibel die Grundlage ist für unsre Lehrdarstellung und freuen uns über den erfolgsversprechenden Fortgang der Arbeit.



#### **Kirchbaukasse.**

Der Colorado-Distrikt heißt es gut, daß die Kirchbaukasse mit ihren Darlehen armen Gemeinden, insbesondrer Missionsgemeinden, Hilfe bringt.

#### **Evangelisation.**

Wir unterstützen die Versuche, einen Kreuzzug zur Gewinnung junger Leute für das Reich Gottes zu veranstalten.

#### **Elmhurst.**

Der Distrikt nimmt Kenntnis davon, daß das Elmhurst College nun ein „accredited college“ ist. Wir fahren fort, die Erziehungsarbeit der Synode nach Kräften zu fördern und zu unterstützen.

#### **Historische Kommission.**

Wir befürworten, daß der Historischen Kommission weiterhin Material geliefert werde.

Präsident Sh. Baumgaertel verlas sodann sein Referat: „Die Reformierte Kirche und wir.“ Hieran schloß Pastor G. A. Schmidt einige interessante Ausführungen über die Arbeit und Finanzen der Reformierten Kirche an.

Um 5 Uhr vertagte sich die Konferenz um den Gästen Gelegenheit zu geben, einige Sehenswürdigkeiten von Denver zu sehen.

Bei der Abendtafel im Erdgeschoß der Kirche, wo die Damen der Gemeinde ein ausgezeichnetes Essen servierten, sprach der Deutsche Konsul Dr. Godel zur Konferenz über die Verhältnisse der Kirche in Deutschland im dritten Reich.

Der Abendgottesdienst begann um 8 Uhr. Pastor G. A. Schmidt diente am Altar. Pastor Walter Preß brachte die Botschaft in der Landessprache über 1. Joh. 4, 18 und Pastor Zucker redete in deutsch über Gal. 5, 22. Der Chor der Gemeinde unter der vortrefflichen Leitung von Herrn Carl Schmidt sang zwei passende Psalmen. Zum Schluß wurde der Distriktspräsident gebeten, noch einige Worte an die Anwesenden zu richten.

Die Konferenzgäste fanden für die Nacht ein gutes und sehr bequemes Quartier im Santa Fe Trail Camp.

#### **Der zweite Konferenztag, Mittwoch, den 16. Mai 1934.**

Nachdem der treue Gott uns eine ungestörte Nachtruhe beschert hatte und wir auf Kosten der gastgebenden Gemeinde auch durch ein gutes Frühstück gestärkt worden waren, nahm der zweite Konferenztag seinen Anfang um 9 Uhr mit einer Andacht von Pastor W. Schumann über Joh. 16, 24.

Sodann übernahm Pastor Baumgaertel als Moderator wieder den Vorsitz. Das Protokoll des ersten Tages wurde vom Sekretär verlesen und von der Konferenz gutgeheißen.

Gegen 10 Uhr gab Herr S. G. Becker, Denver, einen ausführlichen Bericht über die letzte Sitzung des Allgemeinen Rats in St. Louis, am 7. und 8. Februar cr.

Es folgten hierauf die Wahlen für die beiden im Juni stattfindenden Generalkonferenzen.

Für die Generalkonferenz der Evangelischen Synode am 25. Juni wurden gewählt:

Pastor G. A. Schmidt, Denver, mit 15 Stimmen; Herr S. G. Becker, Denver, mit 19 Stimmen.



Als Vertreter: Pastor G. L. Zucher, Wheatland; Herr Jacob Wagner, Grand Junction.

Für die Generalkonferenz beider Kirchen am 26. Juni wurden gewählt: Pastor G. A. Schmidt, mit 16 Stimmen.

Auf Antrag von Pastor G. A. Schmidt gab der Sekretär die Stimme für die Konferenz ab für Herrn S. G. Becker und Herrn Jacob Wagner als Laiendelegaten für diese zweite Konferenz, resp. dessen Vertreter, sowie für Pastor Baumgaertel als Vertreter für Pastor G. A. Schmidt.

Herrn S. G. Becker wurde nunmehr Zeit gegeben, den Plan wegen Tilgung der synodalen Schulden, der vom Direktorium der Synode ausgearbeitet war, vorzulegen. Es sollen Extragaben erbeten und gesammelt werden von Freunden und Gliedern der Gemeinden. Ein Antrag wurde gestellt und angenommen, der den Plan guthieß und beschloß, daß alle Gemeinden unsers Distrikts versuchen wollen, für die Schulden etwas zu tun.

Ein weiterer Beschluß wurde gefaßt, die diesjährige Bezirkskonferenz Mitte September abzuhalten. Ort und genaue Zeit soll vom Distriktsrat noch bestimmt werden.

Die Tischrede am Mittagstisch hielt Pastor Rob. Young von Laramie, Wyoming.

Die zweite Sitzung des zweiten Tages begann um 1.30 mit einer Andacht von Pastor D. Buchmueller, Idalia, über 2. Petri 3, 18.

Antrag gestellt und beschloß, dieses Jahr vom Druck eines Protokolls abzusehen.

Dem Janitor der Gemeinde wurde von der Konferenz eine Gratifikation von \$5 bewilligt.

Pastor G. A. Schmidt stellte den Antrag, daß die offizielle Sprache unsers Colorado-Distrikts auf seinen Konferenzen vom nächsten Jahr an die Landessprache sein soll. Der Antrag wurde mit 11 gegen 3 Stimmen zum Beschluß gemacht.

Um 2.30 hörte die Konferenz ein Referat von Pastor A. C. Kroehler, Ft. Collins, über das Thema: „Du und deine Seele.“ Dem Referenten wurde herzlich gedankt für seine gute und fleißige Arbeit und beschloß, dieselbe durch eine Debatte nicht erst zu zerpfücken.

Gegen 3 Uhr vertagte sich die 29. Distriktskonferenz des Colorado-Distrikts mit dem gemeinsam gesprochenen Gebet des Herrn und dem Lied: „So nimm denn meine Hände.“

G. L. Z u c h e r, Sekretär.



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**46th ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
(Special Conference)  
of the  
**INDIANA DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**St. Paul's Evangelical Church**  
Rev. Wm. Mehl, Pastor  
**Louisville, Kentucky**  
**April 17 to 20, 1934**

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**Indiana District Officers and Boards**

**District Council**

President—Rev. Paul Schroeder.

Vice-president—Rev. Frank Puhlmann.

Secretary—Rev. Alfred G. Schnake.

Treasurer—Mr. C. J. Fuchs.

Members at large—

Rev. Philip Wiggerman (term expires 1935).

Mr. Fred Kratch (term expires 1937).

Mr. H. Goebel (term expires 1939).

Representatives to General Council—

Rev. Conrad Held (term expires 1937).

Mr. J. H. Peters (term expires 1937).

**Home Missions Board**

Rev. H. E. J. Neumann, Cincinnati (term expires 1935).

Mr. Oliver Wald, St. John's, Indianapolis (term expires 1935).

Rev. Walter Scheer, Louisville (term expires 1937).

Mr. George Decker, Zion, Cincinnati (term expires 1937).

Rev. A. A. Susott, Evansville (term expires 1939).

Mr. H. Tiehlmeier, St. Matthew, Cincinnati (term expires 1939).

**Foreign Missions Boards**

Rev. Wm. Mehl, Louisville (term expires 1935).

Rev. H. H. Bierbaum, Boonville, Ind. (term expires 1937).

Mr. Chris Zoerker, Tell City (term expires 1939).

**Board of Religious Education**

Rev. M. Baas, Louisville (term expires 1935).

Mr. John Haller, St. Matthew, Evansville (term expires 1935).

Rev. Carl Scherzer, Vincennes (term expires 1937).

Miss L. Kuehlenkamp, St. Johns, Louisville (term expires 1937).



Rev. V. T. Kissel, Louisville (term expires 1939).  
Prof. O. Koenig, Huntingburg (term expires 1939).

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Rev. M. Zutz, Cincinnati (term expires 1935).  
Rev. E. Stroehlein, Batesville (term expires 1937).  
Rev. J. G. Krumm, Cincinnati (term expires 1939).

#### **Board of Examiners**

Rev. Wm. Mehl, Louisville (term expires 1935)  
Rev. Paul Gehm, Piqua (term expires 1937).  
Mr. Geo. Fischer, Evansville (term expires 1937).  
Rev. Theo. Haas, Evansville (term expires 1939).  
Mr. J. J. DeRoo, St. Luke, Cincinnati (term expires 1939).

#### **District Court**

Rev. F. G. Brune, Reading (term expires 1935).  
Rev. J. C. Klingeberger, Huntingburg (term expires 1935).  
Rev. J. D. Bretz, Evansville (term expires 1939).  
Mr. Henry Fenneman, Evansville (term expires 1939).  
Mr. Paul Pfister, Mt. Vernon (term expires 1939).  
Fire Insurance Inspector—Rev. Theo. Goebel, Westphalia, Ind.  
Brotherhood Advisors—Rev. E. Piepenbrok and Rev. A. J. Schneider.  
Women's Union Advisors—Rev. F. Krueger and Rev. Chris Rasche.  
Orphans' Society—President F. Schueler; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. L. Hohman, Member Trinity Church, Mt. Vernon.

#### **Introduction**

Beautiful spring weather prevailed as 90 pastors and 75 lay delegates of the Indiana District assembled for the Special Conference May 17 to 20 in the St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Louisville, Ky., Rev. Wm. Mehl, pastor, a church known throughout the Synod for its splendid support of our Synodical Budget and Special Campaigns. The gracious welcome in its beautiful church and the fine Southern hospitality experienced in the open homes of its members was greatly appreciated by all delegates. Although the conference was called for the specific purpose of electing the delegates to the Special General and Joint Conferences, yet the work of the conference extending over the three days was fully organized as in regular conference years and an inspirational program was provided for all, with the conference theme "The Church in a Changing Social Order" textual reference being found in Revelation 21, verse 5, "Behold I make all things new."

#### **Sermons and Addresses**

The opening service was a Memorial and Communion service conducted by the Rev. Theo. Kettelhut, speaking on the topic "Our Abiding Resource for Faithful Service." Other conference sermons were brought by the Rev. Fred Daries on "The Program of the Church in a Changing Social Order"; Rev. Ernst Piepenbrok, "Rise Up, O Men of God"; Rev. Paul Schnake, "The Changeless Christ in a Changing Social



Order." Devotional addresses were brought by Rev. A. A. Susott on "I Am the Bread of Life"; Rev. E. Aldinger in German on "Ich in ihnen"; Rev. C. A. Hoffman on "I Am the Light of the World"; Rev. W. H. Zinke, "I Am the Good Shepherd." Inspirational addresses were given by Dr. W. O. Carver from the Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville on "The Present Missionary Challenge to the World"; Dr. Julian Love from the Presbyterian Theological Seminary also in Louisville on "The Use of the Bible in a Changing Social Order"; and Dr. John Myers from the Louisville Reformed Church on "The Opportunities before a United Church." The pastors' retreat and discussion was led by Rev. Gustav Brune and that of the laymen was led by the Rev. H. Hanshue.

### **Business**

The following is a brief summary of the business and resolutions. Rev. A. E. Klick of Louisville was elected as the moderator of the conference with Mr. Henry Goebel of Evansville being elected as the Vice-Moderator. The annual reports were read by the District President, Rev. Paul Schroeder, the Budget Report by chairman Rev. F. Puhlman, Home Missions Report by Rev. Walter Scheer, Board of Religious Education by Rev. M. Baas, Young People's Leagues by Rev. A. B. Meyer, Pension Board by Rev. G. Krumm, District Fire Insurance by Rev. Theo. Goebel, Orphans' Society by Rev. F. Schueler and brief reports by the Regional Conference Presidents. All reports were received and assigned to the proper committees for consideration.

Synodical matters were presented to the Conference by the Rev. F. A. Meusch, Secretary of the Synod, and Mr. F. A. Keck, Treasurer of the Synod.

Greetings were brought by Dr. Jesse Cotton from the Presbyterian assembly also in session and President Schroeder was instructed to convey the greetings of our conference to their group.

Dr. Bruce Cameron brought a report of the work of the American Bible Society and urged the support of the Evangelical churches.

Rev. Reuben Bierbaum, pastor of the Evangelical Church in Newburg, was received into the membership of the Indiana District respectively the Evangelical Synod of N. A.

The following pastors were elected as delegates to the Special General Conference of the Evangelical Synod to be held in Cleveland on Jun 26. Rev. Paul Schroeder, ex officio, Rev. Fred Daries, Rev. Wm. Mehl, Rev. A. E. Klick, Rev. E. Piepenbrok, Rev. G. W. Grauer, Rev. Otto Reller, Rev. Alfred Schnake. Alternates: Rev. Frank Puhlman, Rev. Conrad Held, Rev. Robert Kuebler, Rev. A. Susott, Rev. W. Scheer, Rev. T. Haas and Rev. Paul Gehm.

Lay Delegates: Mr. Henry Goebel, Mr. Louis Brandt, Mr. Fred Diehl, Mr. F. J. Fischer, Mr. Walter Becker, Mr. Dan Caldemeyer, Mr. Erwin Kraemer, Mr. Raymond Schwender. Alternates: Mr. John Ruehlman, Mr. John Stuhlfauth, Mr. J. J. De Roo, Mr. Chas. Rupp, Mr. Herman Harting, Mr. Henry Mueller, Mr. W. H. Lausmann and Mr. G. Wilson.



The following pastors were elected as delegates to the Joint Conference of the Evangelical and Reformed Church: Rev. Fred Daries, Rev. Paul Schroeder, Rev. Wm. Mehl, Rev. F. A. Meusch, Rev. A. E. Klick, and Rev. G. W. Grauer. Alternates: Rev. Otto Reller, Rev. Alfred Schnake, and Rev. E. Piepenbrok.

Lay Delegates: Mr. Henry Goebel, Mr. Louis Brandt, Mr. Fred Diehl, Mr. J. C. Fischer, Mr. Walter Becker and Mr. Erwin Kraemer. Alternates: Mr. Dan Caldemeyer and Mr. Raymond Schwender.

The rate of equalization of traveling expenses for the pastors was adopted at \$3.80 and for lay delegates at \$4.80.

## **Resolutions**

### **District President**

1. We concur with our President in the belief that more and more the social and economic affairs of the world are becoming permeated with the Spirit of Jesus Christ, as is evidenced by the New Social Order which appears in the making today, and we urge the church to continue to preach and practice the principles of unselfishness and sacrificial service, as is revealed in the life and death of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2. The Indiana District recognizes with sincere gratitude the able and conscientious services rendered by our District President, Rev. Paul M. Schroeder and the other members of the *District Council*.

3. Our thoughts and prayers go out in Christian sympathy to all those who have been visited in their homes, or circles of friendship by the angel of death. May the pain of their bereavement be softened through the gracious promises contained in the Word of God.

4. The Indiana District endorses all the appointments of the District Council, to the various Boards and Offices within the District, due to resignations and removals from the District.

5. We wholeheartedly endorse the recommendation of the District President that all congregations within our District conduct special services during the Lenten Season for the deepening of the spiritual life of their members, and that all churches put forth a special evangelistic effort to enlist the unchurched in their community.

6. The Indiana District urges and requests all pastors who are not members of the Pension Fund to join the same since it has been made mandatory by the General Conference.

7. Regarding Delegate Elections. We recommend the following procedure for the election of the delegates to the Special General Conference of our Evangelical Synod and the First General Synod of the Evangelical Reformed Church.

a. That the Indiana District elect its full representation to our own Special General Conference which is to convene at Cleveland, Ohio, June 26, namely seven ministers and eight lay delegates.

b. We recommend that the name of the President of the District, Rev. Paul Schroeder, the General Secretary of the Synod, Rev. F. A. Meusch, and Mr. J. C. Fischer, a member of the Board of Directors, be



included in the list of the elected General Conference delegates, as the nominees to be voted on for the delgation from our District to the Joint Session of the Evangelical Reformed General Synod.

c. Inasmuch as we elect by open ballot the District agrees to eliminate all but fourteen ministerial candidates receiving the highest number of votes and all but the first sixteen lay delegates receiving the highest number of votes, after the first ballot.

#### **General President**

1. The Indiana District has learned with profound regret of the departure of our beloved President of the Synod, the Rev. Dr. C. W. Locher. We humbly bow under this dispensation of God's will, knowing that He doeth all things well. We shall always remember him with a profound sense of appreciation for his loyal and unswerving devotion to the church he so ably guided through these years of unusual storm and strain. His striking personality and his wise counsel shall be missed especially now where great issues are in the offing. To all the bereaved the Indiana District expresses its deepest sympathy together with the hope, that they will find abundant consolation in Him who said "Lo, I am with you always."

2. The District endorses the sentiment expressed in Dr. Locher's report, based on Matthew 16: 18 "On this rock will I build my church and the powers of death shall not subdue it." We feel that in view of the contemplated merger with the Reformed Church, we need to re-emphasize the fact that Christ is still head of the church and that all the energies of the church shall be bent toward the accomplishment of the Master's plea "that they might be one."

3. The District heartily concurs in the fact that it is time, that as a church, we rally energetically from the depression so that we may enter the Union with the Reformed Church, not in a weakened condition and with depleted forces, but courageous and strong. In view of the fact, the District pledges itself to put forth every effort and encourages each pastor to work energetically toward this end.

#### **Resolutions on Finance**

1. We urge the churches of the District to give increased support to the Evangelical Orphans' Home at Hoyleton, Ill. To stimulate interest in this institution we would suggest that our congregations designate a certain Sunday of the calendar year as "Hoyleton Orphan Home Sunday."

2. The District expresses its appreciation of the efficient and willing services rendered by the inspector of the Mutual Fire and Storm Association, Rev. Theo. Goebel, in behalf of the association, its members, as well as the District at large.

3. Those congregations having made loans from the Church Extension Fund are hereby reminded that the future effectiveness of this Fund depends upon the prompt repayment of such loans as they fall due.

4. The District appreciates the judicious handling and investing of the funds of the Board of Pension and Relief which made it possible



for said Board to grant an increase of pension payments for the year 1934.

5. The District hereby authorizes any member of the District Council or a designated representative thereof to meet with the pastors and Council of such congregations who do not send in their acceptance blank or who do not put forth a conscientious effort to raise their apportionment toward the Synodical Budget for the purpose of enlisting interest and support.

#### **Resolutions on Federated Activities**

1. Brotherhood.—That all churches make use of the "Monthly Activity Program" in group meetings of men; that all men's organizations observe the Missionary Anniversaries at some special time during the year; that the brotherhood reading course be promoted; that men's retreats be introduced; that Men and Missions Sunday be observed in November; that all men be urged to share in the Brotherhood Student Support Fund; that all men's organizations adopt and promote the Brotherhood Objectives as endorsed and recommended by the General Conference; that the Brotherhood Corporate Communion be observed for reasons given in the commission's report; that the proposed Men's Congress in Regional Conferences without a Federation be endorsed and supported.

2. Evangelical League.—The Indiana District believes in its Young People and therefore wholeheartedly concurs in the promotional program as outlined by the Board of the Evangelical League in seeking to encourage young people to think intelligently, to apply themselves to valuable tasks, to discover and develop the inner sources of religion, to share cooperatively in fields of special interest, to acquaint youth with Christ and have it be an experience of vital daily living. We recommend therefore, that such appropriations be made which will make possible an even larger and better program for the youth of our church. In view of the joint meeting of the Evangelical and Reformed Young People at Hanover, Indiana, July 8-13, we urge that all pastors of the District vigorously advocate participation in this convention. The program is comprehensive and the speakers the best obtainable.

3. Women's Union.—Honorable mention is due the women of our Evangelical Church. Their accomplishments in the past year are unparalleled by other organizations. We can do no better than heartily concur in the recommendations submitted by the national board of the Women's Union.

4. The Indiana District expresses its elation over the program of Evangelism suggested by the synodical committee on Evangelism. It commends very strongly the program of Evangelism extending from the beginning of Lent to Pentecost and keenly anticipates the "Youth for Christ" and the "Men for Christ" crusade as projected by the Federal Council of Churches and our own Church, respectively.

5. The Indiana District takes note of the statement in the report of the Board of Publications that business is on an upward trend at

Eden Publishing House and pledges its loyal support in advocating the use and the reading of all of our synodical publications.

#### **Resolutions on Missions**

The Indiana District rejoices with our entire church in the grace of God that has made possible the double anniversary, the 75th in the home field and the 50th in the field of foreign work. It urges all its churches to enter into an enthusiastic participation by the using of splendid promotional literature that has been prepared under the auspices of both boards—viz., "Missionary Horizons," programs for churches, Sunday schools and societies, effective pageants and the forthcoming anniversary book.

The Indiana District anticipates that the larger vision and challenge that is forthcoming in both home and foreign work through the merger and invokes divine guidance for the Board in working out the details of organizational and promotional problems ahead.

1. Foreign Missions.—The Indiana District rejoices with the Foreign Board that in spite of setbacks and disappointments in the work, progress in the realm of spiritual values may be noted. Page 49.

The Indiana District regrets the long and serious illness of Dr. Paul A. Menzel and prays that his gradual convalescence may lead to further years of fruitful service; we commend those of our missionary personnel to the healing grace of God, who, by the reason of serious illness have been compelled to relinquish their work.

The Indiana District is encouraged to learn that the indigenous church is becoming more active and responsible in its leadership as evidenced by the four native ordained ministers and the assumption of increased responsibilities by laymen.

The Indiana District notes with satisfaction the progressive and original steps that are being made in the field of primary education and sees in the government's willingness to use much of the materials a hopeful and constructive contribution by our church in uplifting the masses of India.

The Indiana District will follow with interest the distribution of our Honduras missionaries in the interior, anticipating that Yoro and Pinalejo will develop into strategic centers for the more effective evangelization of the field.

The Indiana District acknowledge the unusual success of the Women's Union in raising the funds for the Goetsch Memorial which amount to \$10,191.76.

2. Home Missions.—The Indiana District lays it upon the hearts of its congregations to remember the work of Home Missions before the Lord of the harvest to the end that heroic, well-equipped men be found.

The Indiana District expresses its appreciation to the Home Mission Board for their efforts in those trying times to carry on and not retrench.

In view of the challenge of the anniversary year and merger for renewed effort, and of the increasing difficulty of the Home Board to



meet its obligations (evidenced by a deficit) the Indiana District urges all churches to make a special effort to meet their budget obligations to the Synod.

3. District Missions.—The Indiana District has reason to be thankful to God that even in these trying times the District Mission efforts have met with worthwhile results. We wish to register an appreciation for the encouraging work being done by all our mission workers and the fine spirit manifested by the membership.

The Indiana District regards as wise and constructive the plan of the District Board in their endeavor to keep in close touch with each field by assigning each member as an advisor.

Resolved that the Indiana District petition its Central Board that greater publicity in the way of special articles in the Herald and the Friedensbote be given to the individual home mission fields.

#### **Resolutions on Educational Institutions**

1. Eden Theological Seminary.—We note with pleasure the proposed merger of the Central Reformed Seminary of Dayton, Ohio, and Eden Seminary, Webster Groves, Mo., which is to become effective with the fall term 1934, and we express the hope that the naturalness and rapidity of this consummation will be the forerunner of the complete and final merger of all necessary institutions and activities.

We urge that Eden and Elmhurst make use of the existing provisions for the sabbatical year, and where the existing conditions are not adequate steps be taken to enable all professors to take advantage of this provision so that they may have academic privileges as well as opportunity to contribute to the theological and academic thought of the day.

We appreciate the gifts of the Rev. Harold Schultz and the class of 1934 which made possible the establishment of a Prayer Chapel at Eden and believe that it will serve in the interest of a spiritual ministry, answering a greatly felt need in the life of our students.

2. Elmhurst College.—We recognize that Elmhurst has the largest enrollment in its history and heartily commend those responsible for it.

We urge the Board of Directors to use all possible means to effect accreditation of Elmhurst College as a recognized A.B. college and believe that such standards will make for an even larger enrollment.

The Indiana District commends the efforts being made to continue Elmhurst as a Christian denominational college and urges that the specific contributions to Christian living which only a Christian college can make, be further developed and stressed, both by means of curricular and extra-curricular activities.

3. Oakwood.—We acknowledge with sincere gratitude the efforts being made to liquidate the assets of Oakwood Institute and endeavor to perpetuate the ideal of special training for Christian workers.

4. Religious Education.—We heartily commend to our churches the Convention of Y. P. Leagues and Sunday schools which is to convene at Hanover College, near Madison, Ind., from July 8 to 13, and believe that it would be well for all of our churches to be represented.

We agree with the Board of Religious Education of the Indiana District that a Religious Education Survey of Sunday Schools be instituted, but we recommend that this project be carried on under the Synodical Board of Religious Education.

#### Special Resolutions

1. While we deplore the passing of Dr. C. W. Locher, we wish to assure the Rev. Paul Press of our hearty cooperation and support in his new position and wish him God's richest blessings in the duties incumbent upon him.

2. The Indiana District requests its secretary to make his printed report of the conference as concise as possible.

3. The Indiana District favors the continuance of our conference as in the past, allowing the privilege to any congregation in the district to entertain the conference.

4. The Indiana District extends to St. Paul Evangelical Church of Louisville and its pastor, Rev. Wm. Mehl, ladies and hosts, organist and choir and to any others who made our stay a pleasant one its heart-felt thanks.

5. The Indiana District expresses its sincere thanks to the speakers and all those having part on the program including the moderator and vice-moderator.

6. The Indiana District expresses its sincere thanks to its officers for the very efficient services rendered during the past conference year, and votes the usual honorarium of \$100 for the President, \$50 for the Vice-president and \$100 for the Secretary.

7. The Indiana District also authorizes the payment of \$7.50 each to Miss Minnie Leitzbach and Miss Mildred Bickel, secretaries, and the sum of \$15 to Mr. George Beccham, custodian of St. Paul Evangelical Church as honorarium for services rendered.

8. The Indiana District requests the Board of Pensions and Relief make some provisions for housekeepers of those unmarried pastors (deceased) who have been members of the Pension Fund.

9. Whereas the American Bible Society, in carrying on its work of increasing the circulation of the Scriptures is engaged in a task essential to the whole Christian enterprise, be it resolved:

a. That we heartily endorse the work of the American Bible Society in its program of encouraging a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures.

b. That inasmuch as Dec. 9, 1934, has been designated as Universal Bible Sunday, the ministers of this body cooperate in emphasizing the importance of the Holy Scriptures.

c. That this body, recognizing that our denomination heartily endorses the work of the American Bible Society recommends our churches to make contributions to the Society through the Synodical Treasurer, Mr. F. A. Keck, in order that our Synod might receive due credit.

Approved:

*Alfred G. Schnake*, Secretary.

*Paul M. Schroeder*, District President.



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**45th CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**IOWA DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**St. Paul's Evangelical Church**  
Rev. Wm. F. Kamphenkel, Pastor  
**Donnellson, Iowa**  
**April 23-25, 1934**

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**Introduction**

On Monday evening, April 23, 1934, the members of the Iowa District assembled in St. Paul's Evangelical Church at Donnellson, Iowa, for the opening service of their 45th conference. They found the registration and mileage committees, together with the local reception and assignment committee at their service as they entered the church. They also found the good women of the church ready to minister to their physical needs, when they were called into the basement of the church for the evening meal.

At 8 o'clock the conference and congregation joined in a service of worship and of communion. The pastor of the church, Rev. Wm. F. Kamphenkel conducted the service. He extended a very hearty welcome to the conference members and the Vice-president of the District, Rev. Theo. F. Schumacher, responded, expressing the gratitude of the District. Special music was rendered by a ladies trio, the church choir and a ladies quartette. Rev. Paul F. Kitterer preached the sermon, using as his text the words of Matthew 16: 18. His subject was: "The Unchanging Church in a Changing World." Pastors Kamphenkel and Kitterer then administered the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

**Conference Sessions, Tuesday, April 24**

The sessions of the Conference were opened with a devotional service conducted by Rev. A. H. Bisping. He used as his subject: "New Creatures Prepared for Good Works." Ephesians 2: 10.

The roll call found an ample quorum present and the President, Rev. Theo. A. Thomas, declared the 45th conference of the Iowa District in order. The new members of the conference were then introduced and welcomed.

The Committee on Credentials then submitted its report, showing that 47 representatives of congregations had been duly accredited. They were officially seated as members of the conference.

The program, as prepared by the District Council, was then adopted with a slight change, dispensing with the separate sessions, to give the time, allotted to them, to Rev. H. P. Vieth, the representative of the Synod.

The Conference then elected Rev. Theo. F. Schumacher as Moderator and Mr. Ralph H. Jordan as Vice-Moderator.

Communications were read by the Secretary as received from Pastors Emeriti A. Muecke, D.D., and H. Niewoehner. The Secretary was instructed to respond to these greetings and also to send greetings of the District to all emeriti members of the District, who were not present at this conference.

The President then read his report, which was gratefully received and referred to the proper committee.

The District Judiciary reported that it had had no occasion to function during the past year.

The Moderator then introduced and welcomed Mr. Ralph Hunger, student of Eden Seminary, who is serving the mission church at Garber, Iowa, and the Rev. E. Vogt, who had recently retired and moved within the confines of the District.

Prof. C. E. Schneider of Eden Seminary then addressed the conference on "The Historical Background of the Reformed Church in the United States." His address was very interesting and much appreciated.

The Committee on Excuses then presented its report and action was taken as recorded later in these minutes.

The presidents of the three Iowa Regions then gave oral reports on the work in their regions.

A letter was read from Dr. J. Horstmann, with regard to the List of the Clergy in the new Year Book.

The morning session was closed with a prayer by Rev. J. G. Ruhl.

### **Tuesday Afternoon**

A portion of the afternoon was devoted to committee sessions. At 3 o'clock the conference reassembled. Rev. Wm. Rest conducted a brief service of song and prayer. Prof. C. E. Schneider gave a second address on the afore-mentioned subject. He received a hearty vote of thanks from the conference for his able presentation.

Rev. H. P. Vieth then presented the Synodical Recovery Plan and also spoke on the scope of work of the Special General Conference and of the First General Synod of the Evangelical Synod and the Reformed Church in the United States, which are to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, during the last week in June.

The matter of the modus of election in the choice of delegates was then discussed and resolutions governing the same were adopted. The session closed with a prayer by Rev. John Kreuzer.

The evening service of worship was devoted to the anniversaries of our mission work at home and abroad. Rev. E. O. Mueller conducted the altar service and Rev. E. G. Bizer preached the sermon. The junior choir of St. Paul's, Keokuk, rendered the "Hallelujah Chorus."



### Wednesday, April 25

This day proved the real work day of the conference. The session was opened with a Memorial Service, conducted by Rev. A. H. Bisping. His subject was "New Creatures Prepared for Blessed Rest." Heb. 4: 9-11.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read and approved. The secretary then addressed the conference with regard to the Synodical Budget and the acceptance of the budget apportionments. Rev. H. P. Vieth also addressed a few remarks on this matter to the conference.

The Conference then settled down to its real business—that of electing delegates to the General Conference and to the General Synod. During the election courses the committees presented their proposed resolutions for the action of the Conference. The closing prayer of this session was spoken by Rev. G. Pauloweit.

The afternoon session was opened with a service of song and prayer, led by Rev. John Perl. The Conference continued with its work as in the forenoon, finishing its work by approximately 4 o'clock, when it adjourned sine die. The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Wm. Krummel.

### Conference Resolutions

#### Présidential Reports

##### PRESIDENT OF THE SYNOD

1. We, the members of the Iowa District, deeply regret that our beloved President, Dr. C. W. Locher, was so suddenly removed from our midst. On this account his last words are especially significant, namely, that Christ "expects our prayers and professed belief in the 'Communion of Saints' to become translated through us, individually and collectively, into united effort and concerted action."

2. With our President we wish to admonish the pastors and congregations, that they abide by the several changes in our synodical By-Laws, adopted by the recent General Conference, which relate to the duties of congregations and pastors, and to their future standing.

3. Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to take from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant our beloved president, Dr. C. W. Locher, and many other loyal workers, we extend to the bereaved our heartfelt sympathy, reminding them that for those "the night is over and they have entered into eternal rest and glory."

(The first and third of these resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.)

##### PRESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT

1. The District heartily greets and extends the hand of welcome and fellowship to those coming into our midst from other fields, and offers its best wishes to those who have gone into other districts, and congratulates the congregations and pastors, who have reached heights and milestones in their life during the past year.

2. We extend a hearty welcome to our guests, Prof. C. E. Schnei-

der and Rev. H. P. Vieth, and with our president hope that their stay with us may prove of mutual benefit.

3. We extend a hearty vote of thanks to St. Paul's Congregation, Donnellson, Iowa, and to its pastor, Rev. Wm. F. Kamphenkel, and family, and the various organizations of the church, for the splendid way in which they have entertained the 45th conference of the Iowa District. We direct our President to convey these thanks at the proper time.

4. We accept with thanks the invitation for the next conference of St. Paul's Evangelical Church of Keokuk, Iowa, Rev. A. H. Bisping, pastor.

5. Recognizing the work and worry connected with the presidential office, we voice our appreciation for the untiring efforts in behalf of the cause and express our hearty thanks to the President, Rev. Theo. A. Thomas, his fellow officers and other members of the District Council, and herewith vote to give the officers the usual honorarium and to the assistant secretary a gratification of \$10.00.

6. Be is resolved, that in place of separately printed reports, mimeographed copies of the minutes of the 45th conference of the Iowa District be prepared by the secretary of the District, and that all delegates be provided with a copy of the same. Essential items of these minutes will appear in the printed report of next year's conference.

#### **Mission Boards**

##### **HOME MISSIONS**

1. Lincoln, Iowa.—Since the Bethlehem Congregation of Lincoln, Iowa, seems to be satisfied with the arrangement for pastoral service with our Gladbrook congregation, the District leaves this matter in the hands of the District President.

2. Garber, Iowa.—The Iowa District sees the urgent need of the continuation of Home Mission work in Garber. If the present successful worker, Mr. Ralph Hunger, student of Eden Seminary, can not be licensed for another year, his place should be filled with another suitable worker as soon as possible, and the District urges the Central Board to reconsider its action in regard to this church, inasmuch as the work there seems very promising at this time. St. John's, Garber, is now meeting its obligations toward the Church Extension Fund very conscientiously.

3. Council Bluffs, Iowa. The Iowa District gladly acknowledges the progress made in this field under Rev. E. H. Berger in spite of the depression and recommends further support of this hopeful and promising Home Mission enterprise.

##### **FOREIGN MISSIONS**

The Iowa District gratefully acknowledges and recognizes the valuable services rendered by the Rev. Theo. C. Seybold, Missionary to India, during last year's itinerary in the Iowa District.

#### **Educational Institutions**

1. The Iowa District declares itself in favor of the contemplated



merger of Central Seminary with Eden, which will effect a definite financial saving and make for greater efficiency.

2. In view of the Divine judgement passed upon the world, not exempting the Church, which too is called to account; we find it imperative that our most precious heritage must remain the Revealed Word in its purity, with the Bible as the backbone of the curriculum and truth translated into life.

3. We approve of the discussional method in the classroom, contact and cooperation with other organizations, that lead toward greater spiritual life, and rejoice in the greater interest in prayer.

4. The financial handicaps under which our schools have to operate should not discourage us, but present the challenge for more prayer and sacrifice.

During this discussion, the announcement was made that Elmhurst College had been recognized by the Central Association of Colleges as a standard college. This announcement was received with applause.

#### **Religious Education**

1. The Iowa District rejoices over the country-wide realization of the need of more Christian teaching and the way in which the Board of Education responds by increasing literary helps, training schools, institutes and the like.

2. We congratulate the Iowa Board of Religious Education for encouraging and maintaining Sunday school and League conventions and for the fine service they render to this cause.

#### **Board of Publications**

1. The Iowa District gratefully notes the increase in business of Eden Publishing House during the first six months of the current fiscal year (July to December) in the sales and printing department.

2. We believe that this department, too, will be benefitted by the merger with the Reformed Church in the United States.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

1. Whereas the report of the Treasurer of the Synod, Mr. F. A. Keck, shows a deficit of \$144,000.00.

Be it resolved, that we express our willingness to assist, in so far as possible, in the liquidation of the deficit, and that we instruct our District Council to plan toward this end.

2. The Iowa District notes with satisfaction the increased use of the acceptances, and urges the use of these blanks by all congregations as a means of helping the synodical officers and boards to stay within their income.

3. In view of the yearly deficit of the Synod, the District urges all of its members to make even greater efforts in the raising of the budget.

#### **Commission on Evangelism**

The Iowa District accepts the suggestion of the Commission on Evangelism to inaugurate the program "Youth for Christ" and "Men

for Christ," each church to determine the extent of its participation according to local conditions.

#### **Commission on Church Union**

The Iowa District joins with the Commission on Church Union in the hope and prayer that the favor of Christ, the Head of the Church, will continue to rest upon our two churches now in the process of merging.

#### **Special Resolutions**

1. The Iowa District instructs its Council to convey the good wishes of the District to the Dr. A. Muecke on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ordination, June 22 of this year.

2. The Iowa District concedes the fact of legitimate excuses, but decrees that in future no stereotype or oral excuses shall be considered by the Committee on Credentials and Excuses.

3. The Iowa District expresses its sincere sympathy to Rev. C. J. Barth in his recent bereavement.

4. We as the Iowa District endorse the suggestion made by the Evangelical pastors of Detroit as follows: namely, the elimination of the words: "We make this declaration of abstention as a Christian Communion, and do not intend to bind individuals unless and until they accept it personally." We would make this addition: "In case of the outbreak of war, we shall make every effort to keep our government from entanglement, to prevent the sale of munitions and supplies to belligerents, and to counteract the forces of propaganda."

#### **Report of the Treasurer on Conference Receipts**

Total District offerings .....	\$500.05
Total registration (entertainment) .....	200.80
Total mileage .....	29.44
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Total gross receipts .....	\$730.29

#### **Excuses**

The following pastors were excused for non-attendance. For the duration of the conference: C. J. Barth, Fr. Bemberg, G. M. Betz, E. Hardt, M. Kleinau, A. Matzner; for Tuesday afternoon: John H. Buescher. The following requests for excuse were not granted: Ft. Madison, St. John; Hampton, Immanuel; Lincoln, Bethlehem; Mt. Vernon Tp., St. Paul; Muscatine, Evangelical Protestant; Schleswig, Friends; Warsaw, St. John. Inasmuch as the constitution requires the congregations to pay the mileage of their pastors, none were excused from participation, except Brother Kleinau, whose congregation is not a member.

#### **Mileage**

The committee reported the average mileage as \$8.77. This was set at \$8.80 to avoid handling pennies. Adjustments were made on this basis.



## **Elections**

The following rules governing the election of delegates were voted:

1. That we elect our full delegation in accord with the Constitution.
2. That the 12 highest in the informal ballot be the candidates in both groups, from which delegates are to be chosen.
3. That the delegates to the General Conference be the candidate to the delegation to the General Synod.
4. That the alternates to the General Conference, plus the delegates to the General Conference, not elected to the General Synod, be the candidates for alternates to the General Synod. (This motion was later reconsidered and changed to read as follows): That the delegates to the General Synod be chosen from the delegates to the General Conference, the four receiving the highest vote to be the delegates, the others the alternates.
5. That we elect only three alternates in each group to the General Conference, using the six highest in the informal ballot as the candidates.

The election resulted as follows:

Delegates to the General Conference—Pastors: E. Seybold, Theo. F. Schumacher, A. H. Bisping, P. F. Kitterer, K. Fauth, Theo. A. Thomas, ex officio. Lay delegates: Ralph H. Jordan, Dr. C. E. Stofflet, Wm. H. Witte, Fred W. Rasche, H. C. Bode.

Alternates to the General Conference—Pastors: Wm. Krummel, E. G. Bizer, Wm. F. Kamphenkel. Lay alternates: Emil Brinkmeier, Henry Bisping, J. H. Eggerstedt.

Delegates to the General Synod—Pastors: Theo. A. Thomas, E. Seybold, Theo. F. Schumacher, A. H. Bisping. Lay delegates: Ralph H. Jordan, W. H. Witte, Fred W. Rasche, H. C. Bode.

Alternates to the General Synod—Pastors: P. F. Kitterer, K. Fauth. Lay alternate: Dr. C. E. Stofflet.

## **Visitors to the Conference**

Mention has already been made of our official guests, Prof. C. E. Schneider and Rev. H. P. Vieth. Three other visitors were introduced and welcomed, namely, Rev. R. A. Mensendiek and Rev. G. A. Friz of the South Illinois District and Rev. Russel W. Hunter of the Presbyterian Church of Donnellson. We were also favored by the presence of several ministers' wives and a few other occasional visitors.

## **Announcements and Brief Talks**

The Moderator called on the emeriti pastors present to address a few remarks to the Conference. He then asked the presidents of the Iowa Federations of Leagues and Sunday Schools to speak. They announced that the 1934 conventions would be held as follows: Muscatine, June 10-12; Fredericksburg, June 12-13; Walnut, June 14-15.

Rev. E. H. Berger spoke briefly on his work in Council Bluffs and Mr. Ralph Hunger told us of his work in Garber. Rev. A. H. Bisping

made a few remarks anent the work of the orphanage at Hoyleton and Rev. P. F. Kitterer told of the charity work done by our Marshalltown Deaconess Hospital and pleaded for more liberal support of this our Institution.

### Expressions of Gratitude

A special vote of thanks was given the Moderator and Vice-Moderator for the efficient and fair manner in which they presided at the conference.

President Thomas voiced the thanks of the conference to the good people of Donnellson, both at the noon and at the evening meal on Wednesday.

We all enjoyed ourselves in Donnellson. The homes in which we were received with such hearty welcome, the meals we enjoyed so thoroughly, all the efforts put forth to make our stay pleasant and profitable; they will not so soon be forgotten. When we go to Keokuk next year, some of us will want to stop again at Donnellson. Thank you, St. Paul's of Donnellson.

Forty-eight pastors, 4 emeriti (one a delegate), 3 lay members of the District Council (one a delegate), 45 lay delegates and one licensed mission worker, Mr. Ralph Hunger.

Absent: C. J. Barth, Fr. Bemberg, Theo. Berlekamp, G. M. Betz, S. E. Birkner, E. Hardt, M. Kleinau, A. Matzner, P. G. Wuebben. Congregations: Calumet, Denver; Dumfries, Ft. Madison; Garber, Garretson; Hamburg, Hampton, Latty and Flint River Tp., Ledyard, Lincoln, Mt. Vernon Tp., Muscatine, Newell, Schleswig, Warsaw.

Alexander (Hampton), Augusta (West Burlington), Aurelia (Peterson), Buckeye (Hubbard), Primghar (Calumet), Victoria Tp. (Noble Tp.), Vinton (Dysart).

Note: Am sending these minutes out without having secured the signature of approval of the Moderator and President, so that the delegates may have them by Sunday, May 6, to aid them in making a report.

Respectfully,

May 1, 1934.

*E. Seybold*, Secretary.



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**42 (Special) CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**KANSAS DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**Marysville Evangelical Church**  
Rev. D. H. Moritz, Pastor  
**Marysville, Kansas**  
**April 30 and May 1, 1934**

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The 42nd Conference of the Kansas District convened in Marysville Evangelical Church, Marysville, Kansas, April 30, 1934, at 8:00 P. M. The conference opened with divine services on Monday evening, April 30, with Rev. D. H. Moritz in charge of the liturgy. The Rev. H. Becker, President of the District, was the speaker and he spoke on Judges 10: 13 challenging the church to nobler and more consecrated service. Holy communion was served by the pastors in charge of the service.

**Committees**

1. Credentials and Excuses — Pastors: A. Schroeder, A. Werner. Delegates: Oklahoma City, Inman.
2. Elections—Pastors: A. Brueggemann, A. Rinne. Delegates: Alma, Marshall.
3. Traveling Expense—Pastors: C. Schrupp, E. Beier. Delegates: Eudora, Newton.

**Business — Elections**

The Conference was called to order by the District President, the Rev. H. Becker at 9:20 A. M., May 1. Twenty-three pastors and 30 delegates responded to roll call and the Conference was declared a legal body and proceeded to the election of a Moderator and a Vice-Moderator. The Rev. R. F. Richter was chosen Moderator and the Rev. J. W. Flucke Vice-Moderator.

The Conference then proceeded with the election of delegates to the Special General Conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 26, 1934. The following were elected: Pastors: The Revs. H. Becker (ex officio), R. F. Richter and J. W. Flucke. Laymen: Henry Kamp, Jr., John Abele and Homer Gerstenberger. Alternates: Pastors: The Revs. T. Boesch and D. Moritz. Laymen: H. Willig, Wm. Eckstein, A. L. Freund.

Delegates to the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, Cleveland, Ohio, June 27, 1934: Pastors: Revs. H. Becker, R. F.

Richter. Laymen: John Abele and Henry Kamp, Jr. Alternates—  
Pastors: D. Moritz and T. Boesch. Laymen: Homer Gerstenberger and  
Wm. Eckstein.

### **Special Resolutions, Etc.**

The Conference adopted the suggestion of the District Council that the registration fee be \$3.00 for each congregation for this conference.

Mr. Chas. Hirsch was appointed by the District President to receive the District Budget offerings and registration fees.

The District went on record as approving the proposed Evangelical Rally to be held in connection with the Sunflower E. L. T. S. on Sunday, August 12, 1934, and urged that each member of the conference do his part in encouraging attendance and support of this Rally.

The felicitations of the District were extended to the Rev. F. E. C. Haas by the Moderator on having recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the ministry. And to the Rev. O. Nussmann who will soon have served 30 years.

The Rev. H. L. Streich, Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Brotherhood addressed the conference on budget matters and the Synodical Recovery Program. The District, through its Council, approved the Synodical Recovery Program and urged that it be carried to a successful conclusion in the District. The chairmen of the Regional Conferences were chosen as key men in this project.

The District President conveyed the thanks and appreciation of the conference to the local congregation, to the pastor and his family for the fine hospitality extended to us during the conference days.

The conference adjourned after the reading of the minutes and their adoption at the conclusion of the evening service on May 1. The Rev. A. Brueggemann led the closing prayer.

### **Services**

The opening service was held on April 30 at 8 P. M. and was in charge of the Revs. D. Moritz, local pastor and H. Becker, President of the District who spoke on Judges 10: 13. The communion service was held in connection with this service and was served by the officiating ministers.

The devotion on Tuesday morning was in charge of the Rev. T. Boesch who spoke on "Keepers of the Faith."

The memorial service was conducted by the Rev. O. Nussmann, in which our departed President of the Synod, Dr. C. W. Locher, was especially mentioned. He spoke of "Christ the Sufficiency of Man." He is the Alpha and the Omega.

The service on Tuesday evening was in charge of the Revs. R. F. Richter and Paul Press, Jr., who spoke on Luke 12: 15 and John 6: 51. "What Did Jesus Mean by Life?"

*H. Becker*, District President

*R. F. Richter*, Moderator

*Elmer G. Otte*, District Sec.



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**MICHIGAN DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**Bethel Evangelical Church**  
Rev. Robert Stanger, Pastor  
**Detroit, Michigan**  
**May 22 and 23, 1934**

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The conference of the Michigan District was held in Detroit, Mich., on May 22 and 23. Bethel Church, Rev. Robert Stanger, was host and left nothing to be desired in the way of hospitality. The program was largely inspirational and fine addresses were well received by pastors and delegates.

The opening devotion was given by Rev. Victor P. Frohne on the afternoon of May 22. Following the roll call and report of the committee on credentials, Rev. Jacob Wulfman, President of the District, was elected Moderator with Rev. Eugene Spathelf as Vice-moderator. The President's report followed and the committees on elections were appointed as also other necessary committees. The report of the Vice-president was heard.

Rev. F. W. Halpenny, General Superintendent of the Michigan Council of Religious Education, was introduced to the conference and spoke interestingly on his work and program.

A ruling was made to figure traveling expenses on the basis of railroad fares. It was decided to send a full delegation to the General Conference.

Professor John Biegeleisen of Eden Seminary addressed the group on "The Forgotten Chamber" and inspired us to the rich meaning and value of prayer. The report of the Treasurer and other reports were heard until closing time which was 5:30 P. M.

A service was held at 8 P. M. and Professor J. Raymond Schutz of Manchester College spoke on "The Kingdom of God, a New World." He said that the world had tried almost everything else with no success and we should now be ready to build a new world on the principles of Jesus. If we could put the same enthusiasm into the project as do the followers of European dictators, the Kingdom would soon be a realization.

Dr. John L. Ernst and Rev. Stanger conducted the Communion Service on Wednesday morning. Elections were held at intervals and

the results will be given at the close. An address by Dr. Edgar DeWitt Jones of Detroit on "Storm Over the Churches" was most worthwhile and thought-provoking. He pointed out that the church has been most seriously affected along with other institutions and Catholic and Protestant church bodies have had to make certain changes in program and emphasis.

In the pastors' meeting, two applicants were received into membership of the Synod, namely: Rev. Carl F. Hartwig and Rev. Wallace E. Fisher. Rev. H. P. Vieth, synodical representative, addressed the conference on pertinent matters and brought the greetings of the President General. A memorial service was conducted by Rev. E. Schmidt.

Pastors elected as delegates to the General Conference are: Theo. Schmale, Theo. Eisen, Robert Stanger, Eugene Spathelf, Edwin Mayer and E. J. Soell. These pastors are delegates to the General Synod: Jacob Wulfmann, Robert Stanger, Theo. Schmale and Theo. Eisen.

Lay-delegates elected to the General Conference are: Geo. Bartling, Emil Schwartz, Chas. Tonn, Chas. Gruel, E. J. Wittman and Gustave Hartman.

These lay-delegates were elected to represent the conference at the General Synod: Chas. Tonn, George Bartling, Emil Schwartz and Gustave Hartman.

Resolutions of the conference were as follows: 1) A resolution of sympathy to the family in the death of Dr. Locher and a pledge of loyalty to Rev. Paul Press. 2) Sympathy to families in the passing of Rev. F. A. Roese and Rev. J. J. Bizer. 3) Sympathy to relatives in the passing of Rev. Armin Mayer of Chicago. 4) Appreciation to District Council for inspirational and devotional note of conference. 5) Grateful acknowledgement of fine service rendered on part of speakers. 6) Appreciation for splendid hospitality on part of Bethel Church and pastor in entertaining conference. 7) Appreciation for services of District officers. 8) Remuneration to janitor and pastor's secretary. The following resolution was presented by a committee representing the Detroit Pastors' Circle: We favor the elimination of this sentence from the Synodical resolution pertaining to our attitude toward war: "We make this declaration of abstention as a Christian communion, and do not intend to bind individuals unless and until they accept it personally."

*Victor P. Frohne, Secretary.*



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**44th CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**MINNESOTA DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**St. Paul's Evangelical Church**  
Revs. Karl and Erwin Koch, Pastors  
**St. Paul, Minnesota**  
**May 15 and 16, 1934**

On Tuesday, May 15, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the 44th Conference of the Minnesota District of the Evangelical Synod of North America was opened with a brief period of devotion, conducted by the President of the District, Rev. J. M. Munz, based on Psalm 89: 1-19. The roll call showed a quorum present, whereupon the Committee on Credentials reported the name of 39 lay delegates who had presented their credentials and upon motion of the Committee on Credentials these delegates were seated and granted voice and vote. Rev. J. M. Munz, President of the District, was elected moderator and Rev. Otto A. Muecke, Vice-president of the District, vice-moderator.

On Tuesday evening Rev. Emil Menzel, missionary to India, spoke to a full house on India. His sermon was based on Gal. 5: 1. Rev. Erwin Koch, the local pastor, served at the altar. After the service the conference was welcomed by the local pastor, Rev. Erwin Koch, and the President of the District, Rev. J. M. Munz, replied with hearty words of thanks.

Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock a brief memorial service was held, conducted by Rev. F. C. Klein, based on John 9: 4, especially remembering our beloved President General, Dr. C. W. Locher and Rev. E. Herrmann, for many years a member of our Minnesota District.

**Resolutions**

**Report of District President**

1. We endorse most heartily the firm stand as expressed by our Honorable District President, that in solving the ills of the world as they exist today, we preach Christ the Crucified One, in whom all mankind shall and will be blessed.
2. We accept and endorse the recommendations as made by the Commission on Church Union that representation in the Special General Conference should be on the basis of one pastor and one lay delegate for each 20 congregations.
3. We heartily welcome the Revs. A. Grollmus, H. M. Awiszus and

W. M. Grabowsky into the Minnesota District, and bespeak for them the united brotherly support of all members of the district.

4. We express our sincere sorrow over the death of Dr. C. W. Locher, our beloved Synodical President, and the Rev. E. Hermann, and gratefully appreciate their leadership and Christian service rendered unto the Kingdom of Christ. We extend unto the bereaved our sympathy and commend them in prayer unto the gracious compassion of our Heavenly Father.

5. We heartily rejoice with all pastors and congregations that have been permitted to celebrate anniversaries or other special occasions in this past year.

6. We appreciate the charitable work of St. Paul's Home and pledge our loyal support in the future. Congregations blessed with abundant vegetables or fruits are especially requested to remember the Home with these gifts.

7. We endorse the recommendation of the District Council that the registration for entertainment for the special District Conference be reduced from \$5.00 to \$3.00 per congregation, and that the conference pay \$150.00 to the entertaining congregation, or at the rate of \$25.00 per meal.

8. We extend the heartfelt thanks of this conference to our hosts, the St. Paul's Congregation, their pastors, choirs, women's organizations, the janitor and all others, for their untiring and splendid entertainment in making our stay in their midst pleasant and profitable.

#### **District Mission Report**

1. The Minnesota District appreciates the valuable services rendered by Committee on Home Missions and confidently leaves the decision on various problems in their hands.

2. We regret the misfortune experienced by the Church of Peace at Glencoe on the loss of its church by fire, and trust that with the building of its new church the congregation's activity and interest in Kingdom work will increase.

3. We recognize the difficulties and problems faced by Home Mission workers and do hope that they will continue to face the future with the same courage and faith and that they have so abundantly given evidence of in the past.

#### **Synodical Mission Report**

1. We urge the pastors and congregations to cooperate wholeheartedly with the Home Mission Board in the observance of its 75th anniversary.

2. We heartily approve of the appointment of another full-time worker in the Ozarks.

3. We recognize the fine contribution of almost \$4,000.00 by the Evangelical Women's Union for a parsonage on Madeline Island and urge the women's organizations in the Minnesota District to support this worthy cause.



### **Received into Membership of Synod**

Upon recommendation of the District Board of Examiners and with the approval of the District Council, Rev. Aug. Grollmus was admitted into full membership with the Minnesota District and the Evangelical Synod of North America.

### **Traveling Expense**

The average traveling expenses of pastors were \$4.30 and for the lay delegates \$5.30. A small balance was turned over to the District Treasurer.

### **Excuses**

Upon recommendation of the Committee on Excuses, the following were excused both from attending the Conference and from participation in traveling expenses:

Pastors: Rev. J. H. Bunge, Rev. Wm. Schmidt, and Rev. W. W. Bunge.

Congregations: Bethel, near Judson, N. Dak.; Friedens, Eden Valley, Minn.; and Friedens, St. Cloud, Minn.

### **Guests and Greetings**

Rev. Emil Menzel, Missionary to India and Mr. W. H. Witthaus, representatives of our Synod were introduced to the conference and welcomed by the President of the District. Letters of greetings were received from Dr. Albert Muecke, Keokuk, Iowa, and from Dr. T. Lehmann, President of our Elmhurst College.

### **General Resolutions**

1. The Minnesota District respectfully requests its District Council to appoint someone to make a special study of Church Finances, especially in regard to raising the congregations' quota toward the Synodical Budget, and to prepare a paper for the next District Conference with practical suggestions as to methods which may be used, or which have proven successful in other churches. This paper should consider various methods in order to meet the various conditions and circumstances in the several congregations, and should also clearly state the needs of the Synod and the general make-up of the budget. It might also touch on the very important matter of raising the congregations' quota toward the District Budget.

2. To the Rev. Paul Press, upon whom the heavy and exacting duties of the office of President General of our Synod have fallen, we pledge our cooperation in every good work for the Kingdom of Christ. We wish him abundant grace and the ever-present help of our heavenly Father in his new position.

3. We appeal to every pastor and congregation to consider well the call to loyalty and duty in the work of the Church so that we may enter the union with the Reformed Church in the U. S. as a strong and Spirit-filled church body.

4. We recommend the introduction and development of the Recovery Plan to each pastor and congregation as soon as feasible.

5. We bespeak our special appreciation to Rev. Emil Menzel, missionary to India, who has so ably clarified the questions in regard to the foreign work in his frank and informative discussions.

6. Be it resolved that the problem pertaining to Lewiston be left for decision to the District President and District Council. The Conference promising to accept their decisions in this matter.

7. Be it resolved that the traveling expenses to the District Conference be computed on the basic rate of two cents a mile.

8. Resolved: That the Treasurer of the District advance the amount of money equivalent to traveling expenses of members of the conference not present, but counted in its apportionment.

9. (Lay delegates.) We, the lay delegates of the Minnesota District Conference, in separate session, heartily endorse the Synodical Recovery Plan, as presented by the Synodical Representative, Mr. W. H. Witthaus, and that we urge lay delegates and pastors of the Conference to support the plan and cooperate to the fullest extent.—This resolution was endorsed by the plenum.

10. Moved that the Secretary of the District writes a letter of thanks to Mr. George Klick of Hebron, N. Dak., who donated to our District a gavel made of North Dakota wood.

### **Elections**

The result of the elections of delegates to the General Conference and also to the General Synod was as follows:

To the General Conference—Pastors: Rev. J. M. Munz, ex officio, Rev. Erwin Koch, Rev. Otto A. Muecke, Rev. Wm. Riemann. Substitutes: Rev. Wm. Koring and Rev. Otto Rapp. Lay delegates: Phil. Justus, Fred Warber, A. Hoof and Albert Kelm. Substitutes: Ed. Martini and Mrs. Monroe Denzer.

The same delegates as elected to the General Conference were also legally and in the very same order elected to the General Synod.

*Otto Rapp*, Secretary of the Minnesota District.

Read and approved:

*J. M. Munz*, President and Moderator.



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**45th (Special) CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**MISSOURI DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**Redeemer Evangelical Church**  
6452 S. Kingshighway Blvd.  
**St. Louis, Missouri**  
**April 25, 1934**

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The Missouri District of the Evangelical Synod of N. A., was convened in Special Conference on Wednesday, April 25, 1934, at the Redeemer Evangelical Church, 6452 S. Kingshighway Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. (Rev. H. Friz, pastor.) The period from 8:30 A. M. to 10 A. M. was given to the registration of the delegates.

Promptly at 10 A. M. the conference assembled for the opening devotional service, which was conducted by Prof. John Biegeleisen of Eden Theological Seminary of Webster Groves, Mo. The conference arose and united in singing "Jehovah," following which a selected portion of scripture was read responsively, whereupon the conference joined in singing the hymn "Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us."

Speaking on the topic "The Forgotten Chamber," Prof. Biegeleisen in his gifted manner pointed out, among many other things, that "the unsettled world is now settling issues. The Church has become involved in this process to such an extent that it is so occupied in solving problems in the outside world, that most of us hardly have time to consider whether we have souls or not.

"The most important preparation that will have to be made will be the clarification and purification of the soul. We are face to face with a group of wholly *new* problems. But the issue of the *soul* is deeper than all these other issues. "What shall it profit a man though he gain the whole world and lose his own soul." We cannot build a new world and a vital church out of material stuff alone. The life of the church never depended on or consisted of these material things, but rested in consecrated personality and creative faith, and in the cultivation of these prayer is necessary.

"But apparently we have talked so much of the Kingdom that we have forgotten how to talk to the King. We have forgotten the inner chamber where the soul holds converse with God. Jesus never got out of the inner chamber."

At the conclusion of his address Prof. Biegeleisen led in a heart-

felt prayer, following which the conference joined in singing the hymn "O for a Closer Walk with God."

At this time the President of the District, Rev. O. Kienker, took charge of the proceedings and called on the host, Rev. H. Friz, for a word of greeting and welcome.

Upon inquiry as to whether the Committee on Credentials was ready to make a report, Rev. E. Buenemann, chairman of the committee, responded by reading the names of the lay delegates representing the congregations of the Missouri District and reported the presence of 91 lay delegates, 93 pastors and 11 commissioned workers, for a total of 195 members of the conference. Upon motion duly carried, voice and vote was given to all reported by the committee.

A motion prevailed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last session of the last regular district conference.

The election of Moderator and Vice-moderator was the next order of business and the secretary, upon motion unanimously carried, was instructed to cast the ballot of the conference for Rev. O. Kienker as Moderator and Rev. R. Lehman as Vice-moderator.

Moderator Kienker, after calling attention with appropriate oratorical flourishes, to the gift of a gavel made of solid walnut from a post of an old bedstead of "Old Eden" and presented to him by a distinguished member of the faculty of that institution, called for action upon the program for the conference. The adoption of the conference program as presented in the printed report was carried unanimously.

The moderator then called upon the secretary of the District for the reading of the Call to a Special District Conference and announced its purpose. The secretary also read a resolution of the District Council of the Missouri District containing an endorsement of the suggestion of the Board of Directors of the Synod with reference to the election of delegates to the General Conference.

Rev. O. Kienker then gave a detailed explanation of ways and means of procedure for election of delegates. A lengthy discussion followed, at the conclusion of which a motion carried, that the Missouri District adopt the recommendation of the District Council and limit its delegation to both conferences at Cleveland in June to six clergy, six lay delegates and one commissioned worker. Ballots were distributed and the election of delegates proceeded forthwith.

After the ballots had been cast and the election closed, Rev. H. J. Damm, chairman of the Committee on Travel, reported for his committee and presented the following recommendations:

That the following allowances for travel be made—3c per mile for each car; 1c per mile for one additional passenger; two or more additional passengers, no additional allowance.

A motion hereupon prevailed that the difference between the actual cost of travel and any possible refund, be turned into the treasury of the Missouri District.

At this point in the proceedings, adjournment was taken for lunch.



### Afternoon Session

Opening the afternoon session of the conference, the clergy delegates assembled first at a *ministerial session*, at which Dr. S. D. Press, Chairman of the Examining Board, reported on the applications for membership into the Synod and recommended the acceptance of the following:

*Pastors*—H. O. Renken, Bland, Mo.; A. F. Petzold, High Ridge, Mo.; A. F. W. Marcus, Luxemburg, Mo.; Wm. C. Brandon, Jr., St. Louis, Mo.

*Congregation*—Pilgrim Evangelical Church, St. Louis, Mo.

This recommendation of the committee was unanimously adopted by the Ministerium.

The afternoon Plenary Session of the conference was opened with a prayer spoken by Rev. J. P. Meyer. Rev. Geo. Poth, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, reported with reference to the nominees for the vacancy in the office of Vice-president of the District, occasioned by the removal from the District of Rev. R. Lehmann. The committee submitted the names of the following: Rev. H. H. Lohans, Rev. Edw. Brink, Rev. F. E. J. Schenk and the following nominations were made from the floor of the conference: Rev. John Schneider, Rev. Erwin Buenemann, Rev. A. Alberswerth. Ballots were spread and the election proceeded.

Dr. S. D. Press again took the floor and repeated the recommendations of his Examining Board, reported previously to the Ministerial Session and the conference unanimously elected into membership with the Synod those so reported.

Mr. J. W. Mueller, a member of the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Synod, addressed the conference in a very able manner on the topic, "The Reformed Church," and opened an interesting discussion and debate on the question of the forthcoming merger.

Word having been brought to the chair that the Election Committees of the Conference were ready to begin submitting a series of reports on the outcome of elections, this matter immediately became the business of the conference.

Reporting on the *first* ballot in the election for District *Vice-president*, the following results were noted: Alberswerth 49, Lohans 36, Schenk 31, Schneider 23, Buenemann 19. The recommendation of the committee, that the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes be balloted on for election on the second ballot. This was moved and duly carried.

Another section of the Committee on Elections then submitted its findings with regard to the election of delegates to the General Conference. These were noted as follows: Kienker 149, Press 140. The committee recommended, and upon motion duly carried, the conference accepted the names of the 13 nominees receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot (excluding the names of the two elected and noted above) for election of four on the *second* ballot. The ballots were spread and the election proceeded.

Hereupon the chair presented Mr. F. A. Keck, Treasurer of the Evangelical Synod and a member of its Board of Directors, who spoke on the "Financial Situation of Our Synod."

After Mr. Keck had concluded his remarks the Election Committee reported on the election of District Vice-president, noting the following result: (Second ballot) Alberswerth 89 (elected), Lohans 54, Schenk 35. A motion prevailed in which the Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the conference for Rev. A. Alberswerth as District Vice-president.

Another section of the Election Committee now presented itself, ready to submit its finding on the vote for commissioned worker and lay delegates, and the following results were noted: No commissioned worker had a clear majority. Two laymen showed a clear majority and were declared elected: F. A. Keck 152, J. W. Mueller 147. The committee recommended and upon motion the conference accepted the names of the 11 nominees (lay delegates) receiving the highest number of votes on the first ballot, (excluding the names of the two elected and noted above), for the election of four on the second ballot. With reference to the vote on commissioned worker, a motion prevailed that the names of the two nominees receiving the highest number of votes be placed on the ballot for the election of one. The first ballot on commissioned workers showed the following result: H. F. Pflug 34, A. R. Keppel 30, F. Pfeiffer 20, F. Helmkamp 20, C. Braun 10. Ballots were spread and the election proceeded.

At this point the newly elected members, pastors and congregation, were received into membership with the Evangelical Synod of North America by Dr. S. D. Press.

A report of the Election Committee on the results of the *second ballot* for commissioned worker, revealed the following: H. A. Pflug 84 (elected), A. R. Keppel 80 (alternate).

On the *second ballot*, voting for clergy delegates, as reported by the Committee on Elections, only one name appeared with a clear majority, that of Dr. S. D. Press 96 (elected). A motion prevailed that the six nominees receiving the highest number of votes (exclusive of Dr. Press, elected as noted above), be candidates for election on the *third ballot*, three of whom are to be elected.

Moderator Kienker at this point found himself compelled for constitutional reasons, to declare the name of one clergy delegate appearing in the list as disqualified and ineligible to represent the District as a delegate to the General Conference. Following an animated discussion and debate, the following motion was adopted by the conference:

*Resolved*, that until such time as the church (Synod) shall have defined definitely and legally the status of congregations within Synodical institutions in the Missouri District, the District continue to regard them as qualified churches. Upon passage of this resolution, Moderator Kienker announced that the conference had thereby over-ruled his deci-



sion and all names would remain upon the ballot. The ballot then was spread and the election proceeded.

Rev. H. J. Damm, chairman of the Committee on Travel and Excuses, again appeared before the conference, representing his committee, and reported as follows:

### Financial Statement

#### Income

Total registration, 203 @ \$3.00 .....\$609.00

#### Expenditures

Travelling expenses .....\$319.41  
Postage ..... 1.00  
Delivered to District Treasurer ..... 288.59  
—————\$609.00

### Report on Excuses

The following members were excused from attendance in the District Conference: Rev. H. P. Vieth, Rev. H. L. Streich, Rev. Wm. Asmuss, Mr. Sam. Buchmueller, Mr. F. Pfeiffer, Mr. A. Keppel, and Friedens Church, Hamburg, Mo. Rev. K. L. Schneider submitted an oral excuse after the report of the committee to the conference floor. The committee recommends that he be excused from attendance. The following pastors and congregations were not present and did not submit excuses:

#### Pastors

Rev. Harold G. Freund, Rev. H. Walz, Rev. E. Bleibtreu, Rev. John S. Murphy, Rev. C. E. Schneider.

#### Congregations

St. John, Bem, Mo.	St. Mark, Rhineland, Mo.
St. James, Big Spring, Mo.	Holy Ghost, St. Louis, Mo.
Catawissa, Union, Mo.	Pilgrim, St. Louis, Mo.
St. Peter, Fredricksburg, Mo.	Redeemer, St. Louis, Mo.
Evangelical, Fulton, Mo.	Bethany, Schlusersburg, Mo.
Jordan, Jeffriesburg, Mo.	St. Paul, Steinhagen, Mo.
Ebenezer, Knorpp, Mo.	St. John, Swiss, Mo.
Pilgrim, Labadie, Mo.	St. James, Tilsit, Mo.
Evangelical, Lippstadt, Mo.	Zion, Troy, Mo.
St. James, Morrison, Mo.	St. John, near Union, Mo.
	Bethany, Wild Horse, Mo.

*Committee on Special and General Resolutions* appeared before the conference, represented by its chairman, Rev. Paul Zwilling, and submitted the results of its deliberation in a set of 9 resolutions, and action on these resolutions on the part of the conference resulted as follows:

A motion was unanimously adopted relative to Resolution No. 1, to separate it from the body of resolutions and vote thereon immediately. The conference arose and stood for a moment in silent prayer, after which Dr. S. D. Press closed the memorial moments with a spoken prayer.

A discussion followed on the various other resolutions presented upon conclusion of which the conference adopted all resolutions by a majority vote. These resolutions as submitted by the committee and adopted by the conference without alteration read as follows:

### **Committee on Special Resolutions**

1. Since God in his infinite wisdom has removed our esteemed President, Dr. C. W. Locher, the Missouri District herewith expresses its deep sense of the very great loss the Synod has sustained in his departure, and also its sincere sympathy to the bereaved family. We implore for them the comfort of him who alone can assuage sorrow and soothe grief.

2. We also extend our sympathy to those in our own District who have been bereaved through the death of the Revs. J. H. Stroetker, Alfred Albrecht, F. Frankenfeld, J. Fismer, Theo. Uhdau, Dr. C. Schieller, F. C. Grabau, G. B. Schick, Emil Kroencke, and to the many homes in the Synod at large that have been visited by the Angel of Death.

3. The District expresses complete confidence in the experienced leadership of the new President of the Synod, the Rev. Paul Press, who has been a member of this district for 13 years, and wishes him an abundance of health, strength, wisdom, courage and patience in his new position.

4. The District responds wholeheartedly to the challenge of the Plan of Action for Synodical Recovery, and encourages its members to participate to the best of their ability.

5. Recognizing the historic nature of the organic union now being consummated between the Reformed Church in the United States and the Evangelical Synod of North America the District suggests that representatives of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, and of other church bodies be invited to have some suitable part in the forthcoming General Conference at Cleveland. It is also recommended that suitable publicity for the occasion be arranged for.

6. In view of the repressive attitude taken by the Nazi regime toward the earnestly Evangelical minority in Germany the District recommends that the Board of Directors send an emphatic protest to Reichsbischof Mueller, in regard to such a policy.

7. The District endorses the suggestion of the Detroit Evangelical pastors as to the changes to be made in the Synod's Declaration on War, and recommends that the Commission on Christianity and Social Problems redraft this declaration accordingly.

8. The District deeply regrets the resignation of Rev. R. Lehmann who has been a member of the District for 17 years and its Vice-president for three years. We thank him for his able and faithful services and wish him God's richest blessings for his new field of labor.

9. The District gratefully appreciates the fine hospitality of Redeemer Church of St. Louis, and the Rev. and Mrs. H. R. Friz in the



entertainment of this special conference and grants the remuneration of \$5 to the janitor for his extra services.

*Paul R. Zwilling, Chairman*  
*H. Thomas*  
*Emil Drusch*  
*John F. Stuckenburg*  
*Otto Wallis*  
*J. H. Horstmann, Secretary*  
*Prof. C. E. Schneider*

Moderator Kienker, at this point in the proceedings, announced the receipt of a telegram from Dr. Lehmann of Elmhurst College asking him to convey to the Missouri District the information that Elmhurst College had just received the news of its full accreditation.

The efficiently functioning Committee on Elections was ready to submit the report of its findings relative to the *third ballot* for clergy delegates, which showed these results: Goetsch 92, Alberswerth 91, Wehrli 89. As alternates the following were elected: J. P. Meyer 73, Rasche 68, Wm. Baur 47.

The results of the *second ballot* on lay delegates were reported by the Committee on Elections as follows: John F. Peters 120 (elected), O. Grueninger 78 (elected). A motion prevailed to place four highest on the list in nomination for the next ballot, two of whom are to be elected as delegates. Ballots were spread and the election proceeded.

The result of the *third ballot* on lay delegates were reported by the committee as follows: Mrs. Ida Pauley 75 (elected), A. H. Steinbeck 72 (elected). As *alternates* the following two lay delegates were elected: W. Pinckert 67, W. Witthaus 50.

As this ballot closed all elections, the purpose of the conference had been accomplished. The Moderator therefore called upon the secretary of the District to read the minutes of the proceedings thus far. These were adopted as read.

The closing devotions of the conference were in charge of Dr. F. P. Jens. After the conference had sung the hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," Dr. Jens read from John's Gospel, a portion of the 17th chapter and then summed up the conference in a few brief devotional thoughts under the topic—"Letting God Have His Way with Us." After a prayer, spoken by Dr. Jens, the conference sang the hymn, "Jesus Still Lead On," and was dismissed with the benediction spoken by Dr. Jens.

Adjournment was taken at 4:50 P. M.

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**SPECIAL CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**NEBRASKA DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**Friedens Evangelical Church**  
Rev. G. A. Roedder, Pastor  
**Goehner, Nebraska**  
**May 1-3, 1934**

**Services and Devotions**

The opening service of the special conference of the Nebraska District was held May 1, 1934, at 7:45 P. M. Rev. G. A. Roedder, pastor of the conference church, served at the altar, and Rev. H. P. Vieth, Executive Secretary, delivered a timely and powerful sermon on the text Rev. 11: 1: "Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein." Rev. G. A. Roedder then extended to the conference a hearty welcome, to which the District President, Rev. F. L. Rodenbeck, responded. Following the English service an impressive communion service was conducted in the German language by pastors G. Bode and G. A. Roedder.

Another service was held May 2, 1934, at 7:45 P. M. Rev. E. K. Schneider served at the altar and Rev. A. J. Helm delivered an inspiring sermon on 1 Cor. 13: 9-12: "Now I know in part; but then shall I know fully even as also I was fully known." Well rendered anthems by the mixed choir and men's quartet helped greatly to beautify the services.

On Wednesday morning Rev. F. Perl conducted the devotional service in the German language, basing his address on the text: "But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; and the greatest of these is love." On Wednesday afternoon Rev. G. A. Pahl, Jr., conducted the devotions, basing his thoughts on the text: "Be still and know that I am God." On Thursday morning Rev. T. R. Marshall spoke on the words: "The Lamb Slain from the Foundation of the World."

**Moderator**

Rev. F. L. Rodenbeck, District President, was elected Moderator, and Rev. T. R. Marshall, District Vice-president, was elected Vice-moderator.

**Attendance, Visitors**

The conference was attended by 30 pastors and 25 delegates from the congregations of the Nebraska District.



Visitors at the conference were Rev. H. P. Vieth, Executive Secretary, of St. Louis, Mo., and Rev. Paul Press, Jr., of Marshall, Okla.

### Special Addresses

"Gott als Schoepfer des Universums"—Rev. A. Janke.

"Gott als Schoepfer des Menschen"—Rev. A. Janke.

"Genesis and Cardinal Doctrines of the Barthian School"—Rev. A. Stueler, D.D.

"The Evangelical Synod and Church Unity"—Rev. J. H. Steger.

"Plan of Action for Synodical Recovery and Elimination of Deficit"—Rev. H. P. Vieth, Executive Secretary.

Rev. Vieth also spoke in the laymen's meeting each morning.

### Resolutions

#### President of Synod

1. The Nebraska District, deeply touched by the sudden and unexpected passing away of our beloved and esteemed Synodical President, Dr. C. W. Locher, bows in humble submission to the will of the Lord over life and death and extends its heartfelt and sincere condolence to the sorrowing members of the family, prayerfully commending them to the God of all consolation.

In like manner we extend our sympathy to the brethren and families who have been bereaved since the last conference, praying that God may comfort them in their sorrow.

2. The Nebraska District agrees whole-heartedly with the late President of our Synod, that the Master Builder of the Christian Church is not Peter or Paul, not Luther or Melancthon, not Zwingli or Calvin, but Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God, who said: "I will build my church."

3. The Nebraska District calls the attention of all its members, both pastors and congregations, to the several changes in our by-laws made by the recent General Conference, which relate to them and their future standing, and which should therefore be heeded: Congregations and pastors. Section 6, paragraph 2 of the By-laws, pertaining to the "Duties of Congregations," has now been amended to read that congregations in good standing shall "support the general program of the Synod and cooperate with those whose duties it is to present and promote this program.

4. The Nebraska District insists that in cases where pastors or congregations consistently fail or refuse to raise at least 50 per cent of their budget quota, either the president of the district personally or his authorized representative meet with such pastor, church council, or congregation, to ascertain reasons for such failure and endeavor to secure their cooperation.

5. Be it resolved that the same delegates representing the Nebraska District at the General Conference of our Synod be also the official delegates of said district to the General Synod of the resulting church.

6. In order to prevent grievous contentions within our Synod or even loss of membership, the Nebraska District is of the opinion that, as far as the name of the united church is concerned, there should be a common designation. The district suggests the name: "*The United Evangelical Church in America.*"

7. The Nebraska District resolves to give its whole-hearted support to the Recovery Plan of the Synod.

#### **Eden Theological Seminary**

1. The Nebraska District fully concurs with the honorable President of Eden Theological Seminary in his conviction that our most precious heritage is the Word of Revelation in its purity, rejoicing in the fact that the teaching staff of our theological school has not only assiduously sought to preserve the old values but to make the curriculum so expansive as to include the new values as well.

2. In view of the fact that our Lord and Master earnestly prayed for the unity of His church with the words, "That they may all be one," we are happy to note that our Seminary admits theological students of various denominations, thereby working toward the fulfillment of this prayer.

#### **Elmhurst College**

Despite an unavoidable shrinkage in the regular income, it is a matter of congratulation that the work in Elmhurst College has not been impaired but rather is steadily progressing under the efficient leadership of its president and the blessing of the Lord.

#### **Home Missions**

The Nebraska District agrees with the Central Board of Home Missions that much praise is due the Lord of the Church for the fact that the depression has not checked the growth of the work entirely; that there has been sufficient devotion to continue the work, even under adverse economic conditions.

2. We realize the tremendous hardship resting upon all Home Mission workers due to the insufficient budget, and commend them for their sacrificial labor.

3. We express our gratitude to the Evangelical Women's Union for their increasing interest in missions and for their thank-offering gifts.

#### **Foreign Missions**

1. The Nebraska District heartily endorses the work done under the faithful and efficient leadership of the Board of Foreign Missions, and acknowledges with joy and gratitude to the Lord that He has crowned the efforts of our missionaries both in India and Honduras with His divine blessing in granting evident fruit of their labor.

2. To those of our mission workers, who during the course of the year suffered serious illness which in two cases made necessary their return to the homeland, the District extends its sincere sympathy, and at the same time acknowledges with joy and gratitude that in the more suitable climate of the homeland Mrs. Conrad has greatly improved in,



health. We wish the same to Miss Lydia Kies and commend her to the Lord's care.

#### **The India Field and Honduras**

The Nebraska District is of the opinion that the splendid efficiency and high type of our workers in their evangelistic, educational and medical work on the Indian and Honduran field should not only restore our confidence in the total Foreign Missionary enterprise but stir us in the Homeland to intercession and to the full and cheerful discharge of each church's synodical quota.

#### **Religious Education**

The Nebraska District is pleased to note the encouraging report of the Board of Religious Education which bespeaks a renewed interest, an awakened enthusiasm, and a new vision of Christian education on the part of our churches. The District suggests to its churches a greater participation of its young people in one of the summer training schools, the introduction of "Lessons for Christian Living" as Sunday school material and the "Light Bearer" as the magazine for their Sunday school workers, and the conducting of the Daily Vacation Bible School. We feel that the Guide for Confirmation Instruction is meeting a long-felt want; and recommend it to our clergy.

#### **Pension and Relief**

The District calls to the attention of its ministers the recent special circular mailed them which contains not only the resolution of the last General Conference regarding mandatory membership in the Fund but also the special privileges offered for a limited time to such ministers not yet members.

#### **Evangelical Brotherhood**

The District encourages the work of the Evangelical Brotherhood and calls to the attention of the conference the National Brotherhood Convention which meets August 21-24 at Milwaukee.

As to the proposed Men's Congresses in connection with the Regional Conferences, the District leaves the matter to the officers of the respective regional conferences.

#### **Evangelical Women's Union**

The District urges upon societies and pastors the use of the Monthly Program, the participation in the annual projects of the Women's Union and endorses the recommendations of the Directors of the Evangelical Women's Union as found on page 99 of the Reports.

#### **Evangelical League**

The District's attention is called to the coming Annual Sunday School and League Convention to be held in Plattsmouth, Nebr., August 27-30.

The Nebraska District is fully cognizant of the strength and possibilities invested in its present-day youth. That there be no lack of interest, progress, unity toward perpetual Kingdom-building on their part, surely is the prayer and hope of the church at large. Therefore,

be it resolved, we urge a renewed interest on the part of pastors and congregations and all religious organizations in the District.

#### **Commission on Christianity and Social Problems**

The District encourages this very worthwhile Commission in its difficult task, which, as the report states, seeks not simply an ameliorative reconstruction of society but one in accordance with the principles of Jesus.

#### **Commission on Evangelism**

Having no justification for calling ourselves a living church unless we propagate the Gospel, the District would remind itself of the tremendous need of Evangelism.

#### **Historical Commission**

The Nebraska District favors giving such help as will prove needful and helpful for the progress of the Historical Commission.

#### **Elmhurst-Eden Advance**

Concerning those who have pledged toward the Elmhurst-Eden Advance, the District trusts that no follow up work in defaulted pledges will become necessary.

#### **District President**

1. The Nebraska District congratulates the Zion Congregation of Gladstone on its 50th anniversary and wishes it a prosperous future.

2. The Nebraska District heartily recommends to all its pastors attendance at the Nebraska Ministerial Convocation to be held in Lincoln January 15-16, 1935.

3. The Nebraska District extends a hearty vote of thanks to the pastor and wife and the members of Friedens congregation of Goehner for their cordial hospitality extended in the entertainment of this conference.

4. The Nebraska District recommends the following addition as to the Synod's declaration on War:

"In case of threatening war we shall make every effort to keep our government free from entanglement to prevent the sale of munitions and supplies to belligerents, and to counteract the forces of propaganda, and that at all times we shall studiously and conscientiously seek to promote peace among nations."

#### **District Board for Home Missions**

The Nebraska District commends the work of its Home Mission Board and the workers on the fields for their untiring efforts, and expresses gratitude toward God for the progress being made in all its mission congregations.

#### **Traveling Expenses**

Total expenses of pastors and delegates, \$182.58. Average expense of pastors \$2.80, delegates \$4.70. Total \$7.50.



### Elections

The following pastors and laymen were elected as *delegates to the Special General Conference* in Cleveland, and also to the *General Synod* of the united church:

a. Pastors: Rev. F. L. Rodenbeck, Rev. J. H. Steger. Alternates: Rev. T. R. Marshall, Rev. H. Henning.

b. Laymen: Mr. Fred Ross, Lincoln; Mr. August Brauer, Lincoln. Alternates: Mr. H. Tonsing, Syracuse; Mr. D. J. Dohrmann, Seward.

Mr. August Brauer of Lincoln was elected *District Treasurer* to succeed Rev. E. Vogt, who recently moved to the Iowa District.

### Adjournment

At the conclusion of the noon meal Thursday, May 3, the minutes of the special conference were read and adopted. Rev. H. P. Vieth, Executive Secretary, then spoke a few farewell words of encouragement, after which the conference adjourned with prayer by Rev. G. Bode and with singing of the hymn "Wie lieblich ist's hienieden."

O. E. Pinckert, Secretary

F. L. Rodenbeck, President Nebraska District.

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**SPECIAL CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**NEW YORK DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**Bethlehem Evangelical Church**  
Rev. Paul Langhorst, Pastor  
**Buffalo, New York**  
**Tuesday, May 15, 1934**

The conference opened in Bethlehem Evangelical Church, Buffalo, N. Y., Rev. Paul Langhorst, pastor, on Tuesday, May 15, at 10:35 A. M.

The call to worship and invocation as well as the altar service was conducted by the Rev. Paul Langhorst and the sermon was preached by the Rev. John Huebschmann on Neh. 4: 6 and James 1: 22-27. He called for new and larger visions coupled with inspiration in order to carry on the work of the Kingdom of God, the Synod and the local church. He urged a deeper consecration of the individual to the great task. At the Holy Communion service which followed both of the above named officiated.

At 12 noon the Rev. Paul Langhorst gave an address of welcome. He then established that a quorum was present, when 37 pastors and 34 lay delegates responded to the roll call.

The delegate of Bethlehem Church, Mr. John Bruckmann, was then introduced. He also welcomed the conference to Bethlehem Church.

The Rev. Robert Keller was elected moderator and the Rev. A. E. Viehe as Vice-moderator.

The program as presented by the President was adopted as the order of the day and changes in the order were left to the Moderator.

The New York District ministerium met at 12:25 and the lay delegates also held a meeting.

A bar of the church was established, wherein one must sit in order to take part in any vote of the conference.

The morning session adjourned to meet again at 1:30.

At the dinner table the following committees were appointed by the president:

1. Registration and Equalization—The Revs. Paul Frohne, Carl Zimmermann and Bernard Tepas and lay delegates Elmira, Gowanda and West Seneca.

2. Publicity—The Revs. H. Brethauer, Carl Vogelmann and Fred Pfitzer. Lay delegates—Pilgrim; Christ, Rochester; Salem, Tonawanda.



3. Resolutions—The Revs. Theo. Mayer, Elmer Hoefer, Karl Kindt and C. Loos. Lay delegates—Salem, Rochester; St. Stephen, Buffalo; St. Luke's, Erie.

4. Tellers (A)—Revs. A. Philbrook, J. Paul Goebel and H. Fenske. Lay delegates—St. Matthews, Buffalo; St. James, Hamburg, and St. Paul, Rochester.

5. Tellers (B)—Revs. L. Molter, I. Tepas and Theo. Lehmann. Lay delegates—St. John, Buffalo; St. Paul, Erie, and St. John, Sheldon.

6. Excuses—Revs. W. Hetzel, F. Duhl and O. J. Dietsche. Lay delegates—St. Paul, Attica; St. Peter, Lockport, and Immanuel, Buffalo.

7. Year Book—Rev. R. W. Locher.

The afternoon session began at 2 o'clock with Rev. A. Abele leading the devotions.

The Moderator then called for the report of the Examination Committee. Dr. Frederick Frankenfeld reported for the same. He presented the names of two candidates for membership into the District and thus into the Synod, Rev. Merl Schiffman, pastor of St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Boston, N. Y., and the Rev. Braynard Kurkowski, pastor of the Dewey Reformed Church, Rochester, N. Y. Upon motion made by lay-delegates both of these men were received into the Synod. The Moderator had them presented and welcomed them into the fellowship. They signed the constitution of the Synod.

The District President, Rev. Paul Langhorst, then gave his report. He read the following communications:

January 23, 1934—from President Locher. District conferences.

January 23, 1934—from President Locher, choosing of delegates.

May 1, 1934—from President Press, membership applications.

May 7, 1934—from President Press, budget deficit.

May 11, 1934—from J. H. Horstmann, 1935 Year Book. Rev. I. Dietsche appointed for the work.

May 11, 1934—A. F. Alberswerth, changes in Synod's declaration on war.

May 12, 1934—from T. Lehmann, announcements about Elmhurst College.

The District President's report was accepted in toto.

The lay delegates present were then given seat and voice upon the recommendation of the committee.

Voted—"That after the first ballot, the candidates receiving a majority having been declared elected, the number of candidates for the second and following ballots shall be double the number of places remaining to be filled, the candidates being selected from the list of those receiving the high number of votes on the first ballot."

#### **Election of Pastoral Delegates to General Conference**

1. Rev. R. Keller .....Votes cast 70, votes received 42—1st ballot
2. Rev. R. Vieweg .....Votes cast 67, votes received 43—2nd ballot
3. Rev. P. Frankenfeld ....Votes cast 63, votes received 46—3rd ballot
4. Rev. F. Krohne .....Votes cast 63, votes received 43—3rd ballot

#### Alternate Pastoral Delegates

1. Rev. T. Mayer.....Votes cast 48, votes received 25—1st ballot
2. Rev. C. G. Haas .....Votes cast 54, votes received 36—2nd ballot
3. Rev. E. Hoefer .....Votes cast 54, votes received 32—2nd ballot
4. Rev. A. Viehe .....Votes cast 54, votes received 28—2nd ballot

#### Election of Lay Delegates to General Conference

1. William Bender .....Votes cast 64, votes received 48—1st ballot
2. Edward Werle .....Votes cast 64, votes received 44—1st ballot
3. Henry Albrecht .....Votes cast 64, votes received 34—1st ballot
4. William Brown .....Votes cast 60, votes received 36—3rd ballot

Voted that the secretary cast one ballot for the next highest as alternate lay delegates to the General Conference. Louis Trost, H. Eisenberger, John Bruechmann and William F. Thuersam.

Voted to accept the report of the Committee on Excuses. Excused—Rev. A. C. G. Baltzer. Excused but participate in expenses: Rev. J. P. Goebel, Rev. H. A. Kraemer, Rev. T. Twente, Rev. F. D. Oberkircher, Rev. Leemhuis. Lay delegates—from Kenilworth, Buffalo; South-Side, Buffalo; Trinity, Rome, and St. Paul's, Attica, also excused from participating in traveling expenses.

The Committee on Traveling Expenses reported—Lay delegates \$2, pastors \$1.35.

Special resolutions committee then reported and the following were adopted.

1. The New York District requests that the Synod Commission on Christianity and Social Problems draw a resolution similar to the one enacted by a Methodist Episcopal conference recently, petitioning the government to include Evangelical students, so desiring, among conscientious objectors to compulsory military service at state schools where such service is in force. We request that such a resolution be presented at the next General Conference for consideration.

2. The New York District has considered the recommendation of the Council of the Minnesota District regarding a name for the soon-to-be-merged denominations. The New York District is of the opinion that "The Evangelical and Reformed Church" is a name to be preferred to "The United Church in America," as suggested by the Minnesota brethren.

3. The New York District conference herewith extends a cordial vote of thanks to the pastor and people of Bethlehem Church, Buffalo, for their hearty entertainment of the 46th conference of said District. Rising vote.

4. The New York District acts favorably upon the petition of the Erie Regional Conference that it be permitted, temporarily, to join the Buffalo Regional Conference, usually meeting at the Dunkirk conference grounds. The Erie Region feels that it is, in itself, too small to conduct adequately the suggested regional conference program.

5. The New York District expresses its regrets over the leaving of Dr. F. Frankenfeld from our District in which he has rendered most



helpful services these many years and in which he has now completed a most successful pastorate of 24 years with Salem Evangelical Church, Rochester, N. Y. We not only wish him every joy and success in his new field of service with St. Peter's Church, Elmhurst, Ill., but we also pray that the influence of his life and his pastoral leadership may bring the richest blessing to the student life of Elmhurst College. Rising vote.

6. The New York District shares deeply in the sorrow brought to our Synod through the home-going of its beloved and honored President, Dr. C. W. Locher. Our Christian sympathy goes out to the members of the family and we dedicate ourselves more unselfishly to the Kingdom and the church which he served. Rising vote.

Balance of the equalization committee, \$4.27.

Voted that the Rev. R. Vieweg give his paper of the "Advantages and Disadvantages of the Union" before supper and that the Conference meet again right after supper for business and stay in session until the business of the conference is completed.

Voted to adopt the following resolution presented by the lay-delegate conference: The New York District Conference of laymen recommends to the General Conference that further steps be taken to provide a more adequate pension for our retired ministers.

The evening session began at 7:30 with the Rev. Paul Langhorst leading the devotion and Dr. F. Frankenfeld leading in prayer.

It was established that a quorum was present.

Voted that the Secretary cast one ballot for the Revs. P. Langhorst, R. Keller and R. Vieweg as pastoral delegates to the General Synod.

Voted that the Secretary cast one ballot for the Revs. P. Frankenfeld and F. Krohne as alternates to the General Synod.

Voted that the Secretary cast one ballot for William Bender, Edward Werle and Henry Albrecht as lay delegates to the General Synod.

Voted that the Secretary cast one ballot for William Brown, Louis Trost and H. Eisenberger as alternates to the General Synod.

Voted that the District Council be empowered to fill any vacancies.

Voted that the Rev. Vieweg be requested to prepare his paper so that it can be mimeographed and mailed to the members of the district.

The Rev. Henry Vieth was introduced as representative of the President General. He brought greetings. The speaker presented a plan to raise the \$144,000 needed to cover our Synodical deficit.

Voted that we give our whole-hearted support to the plan as it was presented by Rev. Henry Vieth.

Voted that the District President and the Moderator read the minutes of the Conference for approval.

The 46th Conference of the New York District closed May 15 at 9:15 P. M. with prayer by the Rev. Paul Langhorst.

*Carl G. Haass, Secretary.*

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**SPECIAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**NORTH ILLINOIS DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**Evangelical Protestant Church**  
Emanuel Crusius, Pastor  
**La Salle, Illinois**  
**May 22-23, 1934**

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**Introduction**

At 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of May 22, 1934, the Special Conference of the North Illinois District, Evangelical Synod of North America, was opened with a period of devotion conducted by the Vice-president, Rev. G. A. Neumann. The local pastor, Rev. Emanuel Crusius welcomed the delegates to the conference in a most cordial way. A response voicing the appreciation of the District for the kind invitation and welcome extended, was given by the District President, Rev. Arno A. Zimmerman. The roll call showed a quorum present, whereupon the conference was officially declared in session by the President. The vote for Moderator and Vice-moderator resulted in the election of Dr. H. J. Schick as Moderator and Rev. G. A. Neumann as Vice-moderator. The President presented the agenda of the conference in the form of the printed program and after a few amendments and changes this program was adopted as official.

**Devotions and Addresses**

The opening devotion of the second day was conducted by Rev. Paul Buchmueller, while the Rev. A. C. Roth led in the devotion opening the afternoon session.

The Rev. L. W. Goebel spoke on the subject: "The Merger with the Reformed Church," in which address he pointed out that not creedal statement but our common task would be the true basis upon which the union should be consummated. Following this address the Rev. Wm. F. Naefe, pastor of St. Thomas Reformed Church, Chicago, Ill., representing the Reformed Church in the U. S., was introduced to the conference and spoke on the theme: "The Reformed Church in the U. S."

After the singing of the hymn, "O Zion Haste," by the assembly, the Rev. Herman E. Koenig spoke on our "Foreign Missionary Enterprise," basing his remarks on a word of Holy Writ recorded in Rev.



3: 2. After a brief historical presentation of our foreign mission work, we were reminded of our missionary task as being, (1) a duty, (2) a privilege, (3) a law of life.

The Rev. J. J. Braun, Executive Secretary of Home Missions presented that phase of our denominational mission activity.

Rev. H. G. Kroehler, Chairman of the North Illinois District Committee on Religious Education, discussed the scope and nature of the work of religious education within the district.

Rev. R. B. Fiedler, Chairman of the Board, and Rev. Wm. Krause, Superintendent, represented the work of our Bensenville Home. Their informative and inspirational addresses were well received and much enjoyed.

### **Worship**

An evening service was held at 7:30 P. M. May 22, with the Rev. H. F. Mueller serving at the altar, and the Rev. H. W. Dinkmeyer preaching a helpful and inspiring sermon based on John 14: 6. The service was beautified by two choir numbers, very ably rendered. Mr. Grabowski, President of the congregation, gave an address of welcome to which the President of the District responded. The Rev. H. F. Mueller and Rev. Emanuel Crusius served at the Lord's Table.

### **Memorial Service**

While the members of the District stood in silent reverence, and the Rev. L. W. Goebel led in prayer, tribute was paid to the memory of our departed leader and friend, the late Dr. C. W. Locher, and to those pastors and pastors' wives of our District who have been called to the higher life.

### **Conference Committees**

*Registration, Credentials, Excuses and Traveling Expenses*—Pastors: B. F. Freese, L. P. Landgrebe, G. Horst, T. S. Buchmueller. Congregations: St. Peter's Chicago; Salem, Eleroy; Trinity, Chicago; Friedens, Brandenburg.

*Election—A*—Pastors: A. F. Dexheimer, A. Klug, F. Schnathorst, A. F. Selmikeit, A. Bizer. Congregations: St. Philip, Chicago; Zion, Dyer, Ind.; Peace, Harvey.

*Election—B*—Pastors: G. A. Winger, A. J. Munstermann, H. W. Brueckner, O. Luthe, Glenn Gumm. Congregations: St. John, Lincoln; St. Stephan, Chicago; St. Paul, Davis.

*Resolutions*—Pastors: T. Lehmann, J. A. George, A. B. Gaebe, G. F. Schuetze. Congregations: St. John, Chicago Heights; Long Grove Evangelical, Prairie View; Michael, West Chicago.

*Introduction and Press*—Rev. Emanuel Crusius.

### **Resolutions**

1. Resolved that the District elect a full quota of ministerial and lay delegates to the coming General Conference as provided by the Synodical constitution.

2. Be it resolved that after the first open ballot for delegates to the General Conference, in case no majority is secured by any candidate, the subsequent ballots be confined to twice as many nominees as are to be elected, taking them in the order of the number of votes received on the previous ballot.

3. Resolved that the regularly elected clerical delegates to the General Conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America, with the President of the North Illinois District constitute the first ballot for the General Synod to meet on June 27 at Cleveland, Ohio. (Eleven names—six to be elected.)

4. Resolved that the eight lay delegates elected for the first conference be declared the candidates for the second conference, from among whom six are to be selected by ballot as the official representatives.

5. Resolved that the delegates to the General Conference who are not elected as delegates to the first General Synod of the United Church, shall act as alternates to said General Synod.

6. With our honored President we commit ourselves anew to the leadership and authority of Jesus Christ the Head of the Church. In this spirit we look upon the anticipated merger, soon to be realized, as a challenge for a more wholehearted devotion to a common task.

7. Resolved to authorize the payment of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) to the President of the District by way of appreciation and partial compensation for the extraordinary expenditures on account of his office.

8. Resolved to authorize the payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) to the Secretary of the District.

9. Resolved to approve the program outlined for the regional conferences by the District Council.

10. Resolved to approve most heartily the merger of the Illinois Council of Churches and the Illinois Council of Religious Education.

11. Resolved to vote our sincere appreciation and thanks to the Evangelical Protestant Church at LaSalle, Illinois, the Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Crusius, the ladies who served, the members of the church who opened their homes so hospitably, the choir, its leader and the organist who beautified the special service, as well as any others who assisted in making the stay of the conference so agreeable.

12. Resolved to authorize the payment of ten dollars (\$10.00) to the janitor of the church.

13. Resolved to vote our appreciation to the LaSalle Post Tribune and the press in general for their splendid accounts of the deliberations of the Conference.

14. Whereas our Loving Father has called us once again to acknowledge His supreme will in the removal of our cherished leader and president, the late Dr. C. W. Locher, and whereas this experience has come upon us in a critical period of the history of our church, therefore be it resolved, that we submit in humility to His divine will of love, reconsecrate ourselves anew to the work, not yet completed, for



the sake of him and the others who have gone before, that we commit the sorrowing families to the gracious direction of Him who doeth all things well.

15. In this spirit be it also resolved to express our best wishes to the Rev. Paul Press, who has been called to assume the arduous duties of the office of the President of our Church, and to assure him of our united and active support.

16. Resolved to send greetings to the brethren who have been severely tried and are still in retirement through illness. It is our prayer and wish that all of them may be kept in patience toward speedy recovery. The secretary is instructed to convey these sincere sentiments to them.

17. Resolved that Dr. A. Muecke shall be sent congratulations of the District on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

### **Special Resolution**

Inasmuch as the Bensenville Home is an obligation and the benevolent project of the District, serving the various churches therein, the Board of Directors of the Bensenville Home asks for the privilege of sending a representative into every church during the year, to present the cause of the Home. This privilege to be granted with the opportunity of using the power vested in the Council of the District.

### **Traveling Expenses**

By resolution of the Conference the average traveling expense for pastors was fixed at four dollars (\$4.00) and for lay representatives at four dollars and twenty-five cents (\$4.25). The surplus to remain in the district treasury.

### **Election of Delegates**

*To General Conference*—Pastors: Arno A. Zimmermann, L. W. Goebel, H. J. Schick, T. Lehmann, H. W. Dinkmeyer, Geo. W. Goebel, G. A. Neumann, A. B. Gaebe, H. E. Lambrecht, A. F. Dexheimer and E. H. Plassmann. Alternates: Emanuel Crusius and F. W. Schroeder. Laymen: E. W. Schumacher, Dr. C. C. Busch, Dr. E. H. Hohmann, W. D. Bobsin, George Deppert, A. C. Dittmann, Arthur Schleicher and Peter Gerdes. Alternates: Albert Schoch and Wm. F. Bazner.

*To General Synod*—Pastors: Arno A. Zimmermann, L. W. Goebel, H. J. Schick, T. Lehmann, H. W. Dinkmeyer and A. F. Dexheimer. Alternates: Geo. W. Goebel and G. A. Neumann. Laymen: E. W. Schumacher, Dr. C. C. Busch, Dr. E. H. Hohmann, W. D. Bobsin, George Deppert and A. C. Dittmann. Alternates: Peter H. Gerdes and Arthur Schleicher.

### **Conclusion**

Adjournment at 3:00 P. M. Tuesday, May 23, 1934, sine die. The Lord's Prayer was spoken in unison.

*E. H. Plassmann, Secretary.*

Approved: *H. J. Schick, Moderator.*

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**SPECIAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**OHIO DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church**  
G. Siegenthaler, Pastor  
**Columbus, Ohio**  
**May 21 and 22, 1934**

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Pursuant to the call issued by the General Council of the Evangelical Synod, the Ohio District met in special session on May 21 at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church, Columbus, Ohio, G. Siegenthaler, pastor.

**First Day's Session**

The first conference session on Monday, May 21, at 1:30 was opened with a devotional service conducted by the President of the District, Rev. H. F. Pfeiffer. The roll was called and a quorum being present, the conference was officially declared in session. Rev. H. E. Pfeiffer was then elected Moderator and Mr. W. H. Hazlebeck, Vice-moderator.

The following conference committees were appointed by the Moderator.

*Resolutions*—Pastors: Theo. Merten, Theo. Schlundt, E. N. Krafft, P. O. David, F. H. Klemme and R. J. Loew. Lay delegates: from St. John's, Columbus; Strasburg; St. Louis, Cleveland; Elmore; St. Paul, New Bremen.

*Credentials, Mileage, Excuses*—Pastors: E. W. Brueseke, Edgar Wierth. Laymen: from Millbury; Valley City; St. Peter, New Bremen; Salem, Chillicothe; Kenton.

*Election*—No. 1—Pastors: A. H. Bahnsen, L. Hegeman. Lay delegates: From Emanuel, Sandusky; Marion; Newark.

No. 2—Pastors: H. H. Schowe, C. A. Wahl. Lay delegates: from Wapakoneta; Christ, Cleveland, Pomeroy.

Motion was made and seconded that we adopt the suggestion of the Synodical Board of Directors, referring to mode of election, namely, that the District elect only four pastors and four lay delegates as delegates to the Special General Conference of the Evangelical Synod and that these four pastors and four laymen also be the official delegates of the District to the First General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The motion was defeated.

The Credential Committee reported that 49 representatives had pre-



sented their credentials. The names were read and a resolution offered to grant them seat and vote. Carried.

The Moderator then introduced a number of guests to the audience, whereupon the Conference was addressed by Dr. F. W. Leich, Stated Clerk of the Ohio Synod of the Reformed Church in the U. S. on the subject: "After the Merger—What?"

Dr. Leich pointed out in broad outline some of the decided gains that can confidently be expected from the coming merger. A vote of appreciation was extended to Dr. Leich for his able and prophetic message.

His address was followed by a brief discussion of some phases of his subject.

Rev. Emil Menzel, Evangelical Missionary on furlough, addressed the conference on the topic: "The Missionary Task of the Church." He pointed out some of the valid criticism offered in the Laymen's Report "Re-Thinking Missions" and showed to what extent such criticism might apply to our particular mission work and field in India. His address was also followed by a brief discussion.

The Committee on Mileage brought in a recommendation to adopt the rate of 4c per mile travelled in fixing the allowance made to the drivers of autos who brought other delegates. This plan was approved by the conference.

At the close of the session Rev. F. Klemme offered closing prayer.

### **Second Day's Session**

Tuesday morning, May 22, the conference reconvened at 9 o'clock. Rev. J. E. Digel conducted a Bible study, basing it upon the words of the boy Jesus: "Wist ye not, that I must be about my Father's business?"

After the roll was called the minutes of the previous session were read and approved. Several other delegates were given a seat and vote in the conference, and other visitors present were introduced. Election of delegates to the coming General Conference took up considerable time. The results will be given near the close of this report.

Rev. O. P. Schroerluke, Director of Young People's Work, in our Synod, spoke on the subject: "The Church's Way Out for Youth." He stressed the necessity for the Church to deal with the present-day problems of youth with sympathetic understanding and a sincere desire to help.

Mr. W. H. Witthaus of St. Louis, Missouri, at the request of the Board of Directors of the Synod, presented the outline of the Evangelical Recovery Plan as it is going to be carried out throughout the Synod. The aim of this plan is to enlist the cooperation of every church in the elimination of the budget deficit.

Rev. Geo. L. Willets, of Columbus, Ohio, President of the Franklin County Ministerial Association, then conducted a song service and a Bible Study in which he led the conference to meditate upon the beauty and the power of Christian love.

The afternoon session was opened with a memorial service in loving memory of our fellow-laborers who during the conference year have been called to their reward. This service was in charge of Rev. Waldo Berlekamp.

Dr. H. M. Lichliter of the First Congregational Church of Columbus was then presented and he addressed the conference on the topic: "The Prospectus of Revolt."

He developed the thought that the Prospectus of the approaching revolt includes:

1. A movement within the Church itself to break with narrow denominationalism and to find a new channel for a fellowship of free spirit in the name of Christ as it was in the days of the First Christian Pentecost;
2. A movement for the courageous abrogation of union of Church and State as it exists since the days of Constantine;
3. A movement to undo what was done in the day of Calvin, when the Church, the Protestant Church, came under the influence of a capitalistic system. This movement will strive to free the Church from this system and help the Church to ally itself with the other forces that are seeking a new social order which will be in accordance with the ideals and principles of Jesus.

The Committee on Resolutions presented its report and the following resolutions were adopted:

1. In the unexpected removal by death of the Honorable President of the Evangelical Synod of N. A., the Rev. Dr. C. W. Locher, we, the members of the Ohio District, of which he was at one time an esteemed member, feel that we have lost a congenial and loyal friend, our Church a faithful and capable leader, and the Kingdom of God a devoted servant of the Master and a brother beloved. We shall ever cherish his memory and, being absolutely sure of the triumphant outcome of the cause of Christ, accept the splendid challenge of Dr. Locher's last report to "go forward, onward, upward to our glorious goal."
2. The sudden death of Rev. Paul Moritz, pastor of Immanuel Evangelical Church, Cleveland, is a loss which is keenly felt in our District. Our conference days were further saddened by the announcement of the death of Prof. Fred Pfeiffer, brother of our Rev. Pfeiffer of Springfield. We would commend the bereaved families to the merciful care of our heavenly Father.
3. We rejoice that one of the high objectives of Elmhurst College has at last been realized in that Elmhurst has now been accredited as a four-year standard college. We gratefully acknowledge the untiring efforts of Dr. T. Lehmann and of his co-workers in achieving this result and urge our constituency to encourage young men and women to give favorable consideration to Elmhurst in their choice of a college.
4. Anticipating that the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church will suggest ways and means for eventual official co-operation between our Ohio District and Ohio Synod we would en-



courage our pastors and congregation to foster a closer fellowship with the pastors of the Reformed Church group.

5. Believing that military training does not necessarily have a place in a program of education for Christian citizenship and having been informed that the Morrel land grants do not require any institution to compel participation in military drill, we respectfully petition the president and the trustees of the Ohio State University to grant to the students of the university the right to follow the dictates of their individual conscience in this matter. We instruct our secretary to communicate this resolution to the president and trustees of the Ohio State University.

6. Whereas the American Bible Society is engaged in a missionary labor indispensable to the whole Christian enterprise, be it resolved:

First: We heartily endorse the work of the American Bible Society in its encouragement of a wider circulation of the Holy Scriptures;

Second: Inasmuch as Dec. 9, 1934, has been designated as Universal Bible Sunday, that this body co-operate by setting aside this day to emphasize the importance of the Scriptures,

Third: Recognizing that our denomination has recommended the giving of benevolence support to the American Bible Society, we urge every congregation to send its gifts to the Society through the usual benevolence channels to the Society's headquarters, Bible House, Astor Place, New York City.

7. To Dr. F. W. Leich, Missionary Emil Menzel, Rev. O. P. Schroerluke, Rev. Geo. L. Willets, Dr. H. M. Lichliter, we express our sincere thanks for their very helpful messages.

8. With loyal devotion to the welfare of our Church and in response to the challenge towards wholehearted support of the cause of Christ's Kingdom the Ohio District fully endorses the Synodical Recovery Plan.

9. Since the last General Conference makes membership in the synodical Pension and Relief Fund mandatory for pastors, the District *insists* that every pastor, who is eligible, join the Fund as soon as possible.

10. Last, but not least, we express our sincere appreciation to Rev. G. Siegenthaler and Mrs. Siegenthaler, St. John's Congregation, to the good ladies who served the splendid meals, to the choir and organist, to our hosts and to all others who have helped to make our visit to this conference a most pleasant one.

The results of the election held during this conference are as follows:

*Delegates to the General Conference of Evangelical Synod*—Pastors: Theo. Merten, Theo. Schlundt, J. E. Digel, G. Siegenthaler, E. N. Krafft. Laymen: Jacob Haller, Christ, Cleveland; Wm. C. Hazlebeck, First, Portsmouth; F. G. Trautman, St. Paul, Columbus; Carl Fisher, Jr., St. Paul, Wapakoneta; E. C. Gerstacker, St. Luke, Cleveland.

*Alternates*—Pastors: F. H. Klemme, R. J. Loew, P. Pfeiffer, E.

Irion, L. Lammers. Laymen: Arthur Moss, Lorain; F. C. Arbenz, St. John, Chillicothe; Fred Meuser, St. John, Columbus; Walter Schulz, Amherst; H. M. Bechtol, St. John, Springfield.

*Delegates to General Synod of Evangelical and Reformed Church—*Pastors: Theo. Merten, Theo. Schlundt, J. E. Digel, H. F. Pfeiffer. Laymen: Jacob Haller, Wm. C. Hazlebeck, Carl Fisher, E. G. Trautman.

*Alternates—*Pastors: E. Irion, E. N. Krafft, G. Siegenthaler, R. J. Loew. Laymen: Arthur Moos, F. C. Arbenz, Fred Meuser, Walter Schulz.

*Excuses for Absence—*The following were excused: From attendance and participation in travel expense—St. Paul's Church, Navarre, Pastors P. O. David, Dr. H. Kämpfhausen, G. W. Krause, Paul Pfeiffer.

These were excused from attendance: St. Paul's Church, Oak Harbor, Rev. O. Wittlinger, J. C. Melchert, and for part-time absence: Rev. Paul Saleste and Mr. Wirtz, St. Paul's, New Bremen.

On Monday evening after supper a representative of the American Bible Society gave an illustrated lecture on the work of this organization.

A church service was held at which Pastors G. Siegenthaler and P. Kaefer conducted the liturgical service. The message was brought by Missionary Menzel who graphically portrayed the freedom which India needs and which the Christian Church can give. A solemn communion service followed in which above mentioned pastors administered the sacrament.

At the close of the service the President and the pastor of the entertaining congregation extended a cordial welcome to the guests and the president of the District responded with a word of thanks.

The conference was attended by 51 pastors, one commissioned worker and 57 lay delegates, some of whom represented two or more churches of one parish.

*Ernst Irion, Secretary.*



**MINUTES**  
of the  
**36th CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**St. Paul's Evangelical Church**  
Rev. O. D. Hempelmann, Pastor  
**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania**  
**April 4 and 5, 1934**

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**Principal Purpose**

The election of official delegates to represent the Pennsylvania District at the General Conference of the Evangelical Synod of N. A. and the General Synod of the Evangelical Synod and the Reformed Church in the United States, convening in Cleveland, Ohio, on June 26 and 27 respectively, for the purpose of consummating the merger of the two church bodies then meeting.

The special conference of the Pennsylvania District of the Evangelical Synod of North America was called to order at 2 P. M. on April 4 by the district president, Rev. W. R. Grunewald in the St. Paul's Evangelical Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., Rev. O. D. Hempelmann, pastor.

After a brief devotional service the chairman introduced Dr. H. L. Krause of the Reformed Church of the Ascension, Pittsburgh, who addressed the conference on the subject "The Torn Veil." The speaker expressed his happiness over the fact that while we are now brethren in spirit, after June next we shall be ecclesiastical brethren.

In his message Dr. Krause drew a comparison between the condition of religious practices of the time preceding the death of Christ and that of today and stated that as the torn temple veil might be interpreted as an expose of meaningless rituals, so the events of the times in which we live, are challenging the church of today to re-adjust herself to the need of the world. He asserted that church of today needs to lay hold anew upon the grace of God and go forth in His strength.

Roll call showed 14 pastors and 17 lay-delegates present. Another pastor and two more lay-delegates arrived after roll-call.

The registration committee reported the presence of the lay delegates with proper credentials and they were accorded seat and voice in the proceedings of the conference.

Upon his request, Rev. C. Emigholz of Marietta was excused on account of being called to serve at the funeral of a fellow pastor.

The congregation at Warner, Ohio, was excused from sending a delegate, since it was impossible for them to meet the cost.

Choice of a moderator for the conference resulted in the election of Rev. W. R. Grunewald with Rev. W. J. Hausmann as vice-moderator.

The conference program was adopted as presented in mimeographed form. Rev. Hempelmann announced that the evening meal would be served at 6 o'clock P. M.

The district president, Rev. W. R. Grunewald, then read his report to the conference after which said report was referred to the committee No. 3.

Mr. Henry Krieg, treasurer of the district, then read his report which he also submitted in mimeographed form to all delegates. The report was referred to an auditing committee consisting of Rev. C. Sprenger and Mr. Ernest Lache.

The following reports were then presented by the various committees (some written, others in oral form):

- Home Missions
- Foreign Missions
- District Judiciary
- Brotherhood and Women's Union
- Religious Education
- Evangelical League
- Synodical Insurance
- Synodical Budget Quotas for congregations

Rev. C. A. Ittel brought to the attention of the conference a communication from a group of the Reformed Church people, who are to be in meeting assembled in Meyersdale, Pa., May 15 to 18. An invitation came to us to send a representative to a special service to be held the evening of May 16 to transmit fraternal greetings. The communication was referred to the district council for action.

It was voted to conduct a memorial service in memory of President General Dr. C. W. Locher, whose death had occurred on Monday of this week. The time for this service was set at noon on Thursday to coincide with the service to be held in the chapel of Eden Seminary at Webster Groves, Mo., as nearly as possible. Rev. W. J. Hausmann, who succeeded Dr. Locher as president of this district, was asked to conduct the service.

The secretary was instructed to draw up resolutions of sympathy and transmit same to the bereaved family.

Rev. J. R. C. Haas was delegated to journey to Washington, D. C., to attend the burial service for Dr. Locher on Saturday afternoon.

Following is a transcript of resolutions sent to the sorrowing family of the deceased:

WHEREAS, it has pleased the Almighty God to call from our ranks our Synodical President, Dr. C. W. Locher, and

WHEREAS, Dr. Locher served Zion Church, Steubenville, as pastor and our District as president.



Assembled in special conference, the Pennsylvania District pays tribute to the memory of Dr. C. W. Locher, in whom there passed from our ranks a true personal friend, a highly esteemed co-worker, a genuine spiritual leader of our Evangelical Church and a faithful servant in the Kingdom. We deeply deplore his passing away, assure his family of our heartfelt sympathy and commend them for comfort to the abiding love of our common Lord. We have instructed our district president to convey our sympathy in person at the burial service in Washington, D. C., on Saturday afternoon.

Be it further resolved that a floral design be provided for the burial service in the name of the District.

At the suggestion of the synodical officers a resolution was introduced by President Grunewald setting forth the method to be followed in the election of delegates to the General Conference of our church and the General Synod of the Reformed Church in the United States and the Evangelical Synod, convening in Cleveland in June. The resolution as adopted follows:

Resolved, that after the first ballot, no one receiving a clear majority vote, the five receiving the highest number of votes be named on the second ballot. If the required majority is not attained in the second ballot, a third ballot shall be cast on the four highest of the previous ballot, and so on, each time eliminating the name receiving the lowest number of votes, until election by the required majority is effected. This procedure is to be followed in the election of clergy and lay delegates alike.

Upon motion by Rev. O. W. Breuhaus, properly seconded, it was decided to elect first the delegates to the special General Conference and then the delegates to the joint meeting of the merging bodies.

After the first ballot was taken Rev. C. A. Ittel addressed the conference on the subject: "Gearing Youth to Life." In his own characteristic way, the speaker urged that the church meet her youth with increasing understanding, making every possible provision for aiding them to make personal adjustment to life.

The election committee's report showed that no clear majority was attained by any one on the first ballot cast for delegates to the General Conference. A second ballot was then taken.

At this time the conference adjourned and the clergy met in a special session.

At 8 o'clock Wednesday evening a service was held in which the pastor of the entertaining church, Rev. O. D. Hempelmann, officiated at the altar. Several special selections were well rendered by the men's chorus of St. Paul's Church. A hearty welcome was extended to the visiting delegates by Rev. Hempelmann on behalf of his church. President Grunewald responded with well chosen words. The speaker of the evening was introduced as the Rev. A. W. Stremel, institutional pastor of the Lutheran Inner Mission Society of Pittsburgh. He came to fill the appointment of Dr. C. E. Krumholz, who was unable to come on account of illness. He spoke on the subject: "The Challenge to the

Church in the Present Crisis." In his remarks he stressed the fact that the church must not forget the personal needs of the individual in her concern about the masses. He characterized the present age as one in which we have aimed at bigness and large numbers, rather than looking to the need of the individual member of society.

#### Thursday, April 5

The conference re-convened at 9 A. M. Thursday morning.

A devotional service was conducted by Rev. L. F. Stueber of Hannibal, Ohio.

Roll call showed 13 pastors and 17 lay delegates present.

Dr. H. L. Krause then addressed the conference for the second time. His subject was "The Open Door." It may be said, that, while the speaker held the undivided attention of all on Wednesday afternoon with his remarks on "The Torn Veil," he held his audience spellbound as he led us to "the open door" at which the church stands today—a world waiting for a service which only Christ can render and which the church must transmit or deny the very cause for which Christ founded it on earth. That, he said in part, will probably mean the loss of much that we, the people of the church have learned to love, but it will mean the recovery of values more real than any we may be called upon to yield.

The registration committee recommended that Rev. H. N. Doerres of Zelienople, Pa., be excused. The committee further recommended that those excused be not included in the equalization of traveling expenses. It was also reported that the average traveling expense amounted to \$3.21 and the committee recommended that the amount be fixed at \$3.25. These recommendations were accepted.

Rev. O. W. Breuhaus and Mr. John Eck asked to be excused at noon. This request was granted.

The election committee reported the election of Rev. W. J. Hausmann as one of the two clergy delegates to the General Conference by 19 out of 29 votes. Rev. J. R. C. Haas is the other clergy delegate by virtue of his office as District President, to which office he succeeded upon the resignation of Rev. W. R. Grunewald, who is leaving the District to take up the pastorate of St. John's Church in Dayton, Ohio, his resignation not to become effective until the close of his conference.

The committee further reported the election of the following lay delegates to the General Conference: Mr. L. E. Matz with 20 out of a possible 29 votes and Mr. Ernest Lache with 17 out of 29 votes.

At this time the ministerium of the district proposed the following resolution: It pleases the ministerium of this district to accept into its fellowship, Rev. Robert Johnson, of Lewisville, Ohio, and recommends that the Pennsylvania District receive him into membership with the Evangelical Synod of North America.

This resolution was unanimously adopted and Rev. Johnson was asked to affix his signature to the Synodical Constitution, whereupon President Grunewald extended the right hand of fellowship to him and



welcomed him into membership and expressed the hope that the Lord will bless him richly in his labors.

## **Resolutions**

### **District President's Report**

1. With sorrow we reflect on the loss we and our whole church have sustained in the death of our esteemed and beloved friend, President C. W. Locher, who for many years has shared with us the work of our District and for the past quadrennium was the guiding spirit of our Evangelical Church in America and abroad. We assure his family of our heart-felt sympathy and commend them for comfort to the abiding love of our common Lord. The District President is instructed to convey our sincere sympathy in person at the burial service in Washington, D. C., on Saturday, April 7.

2. We welcome to our conference the Rev. H. L. Krause, D.D., of the Reformed Church, Rev. A. W. Stremel, D.D., of the Lutheran Inner Mission and Dr. Gaius J. Slosser, Ph.D., of the Western Theological Seminary and thank them heartily for their splendid contributions to our Conference program. We regret to learn of the illness of Dr. Krumholz and trust that his recovery will be speedy and complete.

3. In view of the several changes that have taken place and will presently occur in the personnel of our District, we bid welcome to the newcomers and offer our best wishes to those who have gone or who are going into other Districts.

4. Recognizing the work connected with the administration of District affairs, we voice our appreciation for all efforts in behalf of the cause on the part of all our officers. We deeply regret that our worthy President, W. R. Grunewald, after hardly one year in office is leaving the District and we wish him God-speed in his new field of labor.

5. We take cognizance of the festive occasions that have brought joy to a number of our District churches and we trust that the blessings resulting therefrom to those churches may be a continuing encouragement in their work in the Kingdom.

6. A sincere vote of thanks is herewith given to our hosts, St. Paul's Church of Pittsburgh, its pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. O. D. Hempelmann, and all its workers for the very splendid way in which they have entertained this special conference of the Pennsylvania District, and we direct our President to convey our gratitude at a proper time in a public way.

7. The Pennsylvania District is heartily in accord with the proposal of the Minnesota District Council, addressed to the Commission on Church Union, that a serious consideration be given to the name "*The United Church in America*," as appropriate for the denomination that shall result from the merger of the Evangelical Synod of North America and the Reformed Church in the United States.

The election committee reported the result of the ballot for alternate delegates to the General Conference as follows. Rev. O. D. Hem-

pelmann is alternate ex officio as vice-president. Of 24 votes Rev. A. F. Schemmer received 12. The moderator then exercised his privilege of voting in case of a tie and cast his ballot for Rev. Schemmer, giving him the required majority of 13. The two lay delegates elected are Mr. W. C. Dannenberg with 18 of 24 votes and Mr. Henry Krieg with 17 of 24 votes.

A ballot was then taken to elect delegates to the General Synod of the Evangelical Reformed Churches with the following result:

Rev. J. R. C. Haas received 17 of 27 votes.

Mr. L. E. Matz received 26 of 28 votes.

Mr. Ernest Lache received 25 of 28 votes.

The secretary was instructed by a unanimous ballot of the conference to cast a ballot for Rev. W. J. Hausmann, Mr. W. C. Dannenberg and Mr. Henry Krieg to serve as alternate delegates to the General Synod of the Evangelical-Reformed Churches.

It was now time for an address on "Some Fundamental Reasons for Church Unity" by Dr. Gaius J. Slosser, Ph.D. The speaker made a very impressive plea for church unity. Among other things, he suggested that church unity be furthered by stressing it in the church school curriculum at least once each quarter in the same way in which one Sunday is set aside for a temperance lesson. Another very telling argument for unity among churches was developed from the passage in John 17: 21 where Christ prays for unity "That the world may believe that Thou hast sent me." Dr. Slosser expressed his joy over the pending merger between our church and the Reformed Church in the U. S.

At the request of Rev. O. W. Breuhaus, who had to leave shortly after twelve o'clock to catch a bus, the memorial service to be held in memory of Dr. C. W. Locher was conducted at this time by Rev. W. J. Hausmann. In well chosen words, the speaker paid an impressive tribute to the deceased, recalling the years when he was a member of the District as pastor of Zion Church in Steubenville and serving as District President and then being chosen at the General Conference in Rochester, N. Y., in the fall of 1929 to fill the highest position within the gift of our Church, that of President General, which position he held with honor until the time of his death on April 2, 1934.

The election committee then reported the result of the ballot taken to elect a vice-president to fill the vacancy caused by the fact that the past incumbent of that office became district president when the district president resigned and moved from the district. The result is as follows: Rev. O. D. Hempelmann received 17 of 25 votes.

An interesting report on the Dunkirk School of Leadership was then given by Rev. J. R. C. Haas. He urged a greater interest in the project on the part of our district churches.

The auditing committee reported that the books of the district treasurer were found to be correct.

The election committee reported the election of Rev. Paul Schaeffer to fill the vacancy on the Board of Religious Education of the Dis-



trict, caused by the accession of Rev. J. R. C. Haas to the presidency of the District. Rev. Hy. Schuessler was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Rev. I. C. Tepas from the District.

### **Special Resolutions**

The following special resolutions were presented and endorsed:

1. We express our gratitude to the District Boards and Committees for the work of expansion thus far carried on and planned for the current year and are especially happy to note the revival of the Evangelical League organization.

2. In view of the fact that the Mt. Troy Church is planning definitely to become self-sustaining at the time of her tenth anniversary observance, the District votes to support this work with a monthly allowance of ten dollars (\$10) to begin with February 1, 1934.

3. Resolved that the District Treasurer shall be instructed to pay Mr. Edw. Libo, caretaker of St. Paul's Church, the sum of \$5 for the extra work caused by the entertainment of the conference.

4. We regret the accident that befell Mrs. W. A. Bomhard which has confined her for many weeks and express our sincere hope that she will completely recover and be enabled to resume her activities in Kingdom work.

5. Resolved that the District Council take under advisement the suggestion that a substantial contribution be given to Dunkirk out of the District treasury within the next month.

The minutes were then read and approved.

There being no further business, the conference adjourned with a closing prayer.

*John R. C. Haas, President*  
*W. R. Grunewald, Moderator*  
*A. F. Schemmer, Secretary.*

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**SPECIAL CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**PACIFIC-NORTHWEST DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**Zion Evangelical Church**  
Rev. Henry C. Warber, Pastor  
**Gresham, Oregon**  
**April 30, 1934**

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The opening service of the Special Conference of the Pacific Northwest District was held in Zion Evangelical Church, Gresham, Ore., April 30, 1934, at 8 P. M. Rev. Henry C. Warber, pastor loci, officiated at the service and welcomed the conference delegates. Rev. C. Warber, District President, responded.

Rev. Paul Reichert, pastor of Friedens Evangelical Church, Walla Walla, Wash., delivered the conference sermon on the text Gal. 3: 28 "Ye all are one in Christ." Rev. Reichert emphasized not only the practical necessity but also the Christian necessity of unity in the body of Christ. Choir music and flowers beautified the service.

**Morning Session, May 1**

The session was opened at 9 o'clock with brief song and prayer service led by Rev. C. Warber.

Rev. Edw. A. Mayer read the first part of a paper on the subject: "Recent Movements toward Church Unity." Discussion followed.

Rev. C. Warber called the conference to order. The report of the Credentials Committee was read.

Rev. E. Horstman was elected moderator. Mr. Orlando Warber was elected vice-moderator. The agenda was adopted as presented by program committee.

Motion carried to pay transportation expense on the basis of clergy fare for pastors and full fare for lay delegates. Requests that the delegates from Payette and Broadview (Seattle) be excused and also that the respective churches be excused from participating in the paying of traveling expense, were presented. The requests were granted.

The next item of business was the reading of the District President's report. The report was referred to the Committee on District Reports. The district president then conducted a brief Memorial Service in honor of the late Dr. C. W. Locher, President of the Synod, using the text: "Let not your hearts be troubled, ye believe in God."



Other District reports were read and referred to the Committee on District Reports.

The session adjourned at 11:45 A. M. Dinner served in the church basement.

After dinner there were informal group meetings of pastors and laymen.

### Afternoon Session, May 1

The opening song and prayer service was led by Rev. C. Hoffman at 2:30 P. M.

Rev. C. Hoffman presented the Resolutions on the District President's report, which were amended and accepted as appended to these minutes.

The election of delegates to the General Conference of the Evangelical Synod of N. A. and to the General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church was the next item of business. Lay delegate ballot results: Mrs. E. Mayer 8, Mrs. P. Jueling 3, Mr. J. Frank 1, Mr. H. Ruhl 3. Mrs. E. Mayer elected. Rev. Jueling was elected ministerial alternate, and Mrs. Jueling was elected lay alternate. Motion passed that lay alternates serve for both the General Conference of the Evangelical Synod and the Combined Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.

The following resolution on the District President's Report had been passed which obviated the election of a ministerial delegate to the conferences:

Resolution 2 on the District President's Report:

With reference to the part which our district should take in the deliberations that are to lead to this happy consummation, your committee would suggest and offer the following resolution:

a. With reference to the delegation to our Evangelical General Conference:

*Whereas*, the president of the District by virtue of his office should and will attend this General Conference, and

*Whereas*, the financial circumstances suggest the advisability of such limitation at this time, therefore be it

*Resolved*: that the District elect one delegate, a layman, to represent it at this Special General Conference of the Evangelical Synod of N. A., which is to convene in Cleveland, O., June 26, 1934.

b. With reference to delegation to the combined General Synod:

*Whereas*, the district delegation to the combined General Synod of Evangelical and Reformed Church shall consist of one clerical and one lay representative, and

*Whereas*, the district representatives attending the special General Conference (Evangelical) should also logically represent the District at the combined General Synod, and

*Whereas*, for financial reasons it is inadvisable to send an additional clerical representative to the combined General Synod, and

*Whereas*, the district president in attendance at the Evangelical

General Conference, where by virtue of his office he has voice and vote, can only exercise these rights at the combined General Synod when elected by the district as its clerical representative, therefore be it

*Resolved:* that the lay member elected by the district as representative to the Evangelical Conference shall be the lay delegate of the district to the combined General Synod to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, on the 27th day of June, 1934, the day following the General Conference (Evangelical), and that the district president shall be the clerical member of its delegation.

The reports of the following district committees and reports of district officers were read and accepted: Foreign Missions, Evangelical League, Regional Conference Chairman, District Treasurer, Christian Education, Budget Chairman.

Rev. E. Horstman presented an audit statement of the Revolving Fund which was accepted and ordered filed.

A communication from President Lehmann of Elmhurst College was read by the moderator and the district secretary was instructed to return greetings and thanks.

Rev. Geo. Zinn of the Second Reformed Church extended an invitation to the conference to have the Evangelical folk unite in a service at Wilsonville, Ore., some time in July. The invitation was accepted with thanks. The Findings Committee was instructed to take this matter into consideration and to present a resolution to the conference at the proper time.

The session was adjourned at 5 P. M. The closing prayer was given by Mrs. P. Jueling.

### **Evening Service, May 1**

Rev. Paul Jueling presided at the evening service. Rev. E. Horstman preached on the text, Matt. 9: 36 "When Jesus saw the multitude he was moved with compassion." The thought was expressed that the Christian church and ministry have always looked with compassion upon multitudes who are confused in thought and motive and oppressed by cruel environment, and that the true Christian ministry has always made its conquests, not by force, but by the constraint of love. The choir sang several numbers to beautify the service. A communion service followed, over which Rev. H. Warber presided.

### **Morning Session, May 2**

A brief opening service was conducted by Rev. A. E. Binder. The second half of the paper on the subject: "Recent Movements toward Church Unity" was presented by Rev. E. Mayer.

The conference was called to order by the moderator. The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved. Motion passed to give voice and vote to Mr. Weisburg, delegate from Spokane (who, with Rev. W. A. Werth of Spokane, had been delayed in transportation.)

Motion passed to have paper "Recent Movements toward Church



Unity" mimeographed and distributed to ministers and delegates wishing copies of same.

The Findings Committee gave its report, and resolutions as appended to these minutes were passed.

A round table discussion of the 1934 E. L. T. S. followed.

Conference adjourned for dinner, 11:30 A. M.

### **Closing Session**

The conference was called to order for a brief closing session at 1 P. M. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved. It was decided not to mimeograph the minutes of the conference but to report in detail to the Herald and Friedensbote. Rev. W. A. Werth extended a tentative invitation to hold next District Conferences at Spokane. Adjourned 1:15 P. M.

*E. A. Mayer*, Secretary.

The following resolutions were passed:

### **Findings Committee**

1. Recognizing the value of uniting the work of the Pacific Northwest District and that of the Portland, Oregon, Classis of the Reformed Church at as early a date as possible following the General Synod, the Pacific Northwest District resolves:

a. That a committee of three to be known as the District Committee on Church Union be elected at this conference to meet with any group that the Portland, Oregon, Classis of the Reformed Church may designate for the purpose of harmonizing cooperative projects of the two respective organizations.

b. That this committee meet and organize at the call of the president of the district, if possible at the close of this conference.

c. That the expenses for the work of this committee be borne by the district treasury.

d. That the president of the district be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution and the membership of the committee to the administrative officers of the Portland, Oregon, Classis of the Reformed Church.

2. The Pacific Northwest District favors the elimination of this sentence from the synodical resolution pertaining to our attitude to war: "We make this declaration of abstention as a Christian Communion, and do not intend to bind individuals unless and until they accept it personally."

The District further recommends this addition: "In case of the outbreak of war, we shall make every effort to keep our government from entanglement, to prevent the sale of munitions and supplies to belligerents, and to counteract the forces of propaganda."

### **Report of the President**

1. The Pacific Northwest District voices its thanks to God as it visions the happy union of its own denomination with the Reformed Church in the U. S. in the near future, considering such union as a

part fulfillment of the loving desire of Jesus expressed in his high-priestly prayer, John 17: 21, "That they may all be one."

2. (Given above under elections.)

3. That the District desires to thank Rev. T. C. Seybold for his inspiring addresses which have greatly stimulated the interest among our people in the great missionary enterprise of our church.

4. The District wishes the newly elected officers, the brethren W. A. Werth and H. C. Warber a full measure of success in the important work of the committee on Religious Education.

5. The District heartily welcomes the Rev. Paul Reichert, recently installed as pastor at Walla Walla, into the membership of the District, and is especially gratified to learn that he is also acceptably and successfully serving St. John, Payette, Idaho.

6. The District expresses its appreciation to Rev. E. Horstman for his labors in the production of a new set of slides setting forth the work of our district, and for the lectures written by him in explanation of the new set.

7. The district regrets the unforeseen financial difficulties which have necessitated the resignation of Rev. E. Horstman as pastor of Broadview Church at Seattle, and hopes that the work of that church under the temporary supervision of Rev. A. E. Binder may be successfully continued until a change of circumstances shall again make the appointment of a full time worker possible.

8. The District congratulates Zion Church, Everett, Wash., and its pastor, the Rev. C. Warber, upon the acquisition of a church building adequate for its needs in a locality that promises well for future growth of the congregation.

9. The District also offers felicitations to St. Paul, Seattle, and its pastor, Rev. A. E. Binder, celebrating the 30th anniversary, and wishes pastor and people every deserved success for the future.

10. The District learns with deep sorrow of the death of the beloved President of the Evangelical Synod, the Rev. C. W. Locher, and approves the action of its president in sending condolences and a floral piece of respect to the stricken family. Provision was made on the program for a memorial address.

11. The District expresses its appreciation to Zion Church, Gresham, Oregon, and its pastor, Rev. H. Warber, gracious hosts of the Conference.

12. The District petitions the Church Extension Fund Board to suspend the penalty interest on loans made to congregations during the years 1932 to 1935 inclusive, hoping that by that time improved conditions shall make possible the legal payment demanded.

13. The District suggests to the combined General Synod that the name of the denomination be "The Evangelical-Reformed Church."

14. The District acknowledges and appreciates the self-sacrificing services of its presiding officer, and wishes him a full measure of the Lord's blessing in his continued leadership.



#### **Special Resolution**

The District petitions the Committee on Promotion to allow more time for the visits of the synodical representatives to the various congregations or localities that they may visit in the interest of the synodical program, that a series of meetings may be held at each place rather than the brief contact as has been the case, in order that more permanent values may be received.

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**SPECIAL CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**SOUTHERN DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**Jackson Avenue Evangelical Church**  
Rev. J. P. Quinius, Pastor  
**New Orleans, Louisiana**  
**May 2 and 3, 1934**

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**Committees**

Committee No. 1.—Registration and Prorating Expenses: Rev. N. Stock, Rev. F. Schweinfurth, Cullman, Ala., delegate.

Committee No. 2.—Elections: Rev. J. S. Gohde, Rev. P. Stock, delegates from Atlanta, Ga., and Trinity, New Orleans.

Committee No. 3.—Special Resolutions: Rev. J. C. Rieger, Rev. R. Dewald, delegates of Jacksonville, Fla., and St. Paul's, New Orleans, La.

Committee No. 4.—Program: Rev. N. A. Maunz, Rev. J. S. Gohde and Rev. A. J. Scherer.

**Services and Devotions**

Memorial and Communion, "The Art of Saying Goodbye," Rev. Roland Mernitz. Rev. J. C. Rieger served at the altar.

Wednesday night service, "The Church and the State," Rev. Theophil Mehl. Rev. H. Ritter served at the altar.

"In Essentials Unity," Eph. 4: 4, devotion conducted by Rev. F. Mehrrens.

"In Non-Essentials Liberty," devotion conducted by Rev. J. S. Gohde.

"In All Things Charity," 1 Cor. 13, devotion conducted by Rev. R. F. Buck.

"The Church and Our Present Social Problem," a paper presented by Rev. A. J. Scherer.

"Foreign Missions Which Way?" a paper presented by Rev. Norman A. Maunz.

**Organization**

The committee on registrations and Credentials presented its report in the first session, and upon motion the pastors, commissioned workers and lay delegates were seated in accordance with the recommendation of the committee.



Rev. F. C. Schweinfurth, pastor of Salem Church, New Orleans, La., was elected Moderator of the Conference.

Rev. H. A. Dewald, pastor of St. John's Church, Atlanta, Ga., was elected Vice-Moderator of the Conference.

*Committee No. 1*, on excuses, recommended that we excuse the Metairie Evangelical Church from participation in the traveling pro-rate and upon motion the Metairie congregation was not excused.

Upon motion of St. John's Evangelical Church Birmingham, Ala., was not excused on the same request.

By motion the Evangelical Back Bay congregation was excused from participation in the conference pro-rate.

It was also moved that we do not include the commissioned workers in the traveling expenses.

It was moved and duly seconded that we allow the Miami delegates \$60.00 per delegate for traveling expenses. Carried.

The conference program as prepared by the committee was adopted.

*Committee Number One on Equalization* presented its report: Total expenses for pastors, \$142.38; pro-rate, \$9.49.

Recommendation that we charge each pastor \$9.50, the balance to be placed into the District Treasury.

Total expenses for delegates, \$194.38; pro-rate, \$11.44. The committee recommended that we charge each delegate \$11.50, balance to be placed in the District Treasury.

The report and recommendations of this committee were received and adopted.

The report of the President of the District was received and referred to Committee No. 3.

The report of the Vice-president, Chairman of the Budget Committee, was received and referred to Committee No. 3.

Rev. H. A. Dewald, chairman of Pension and Relief, called our attention to the fact that it is mandatory for pastors to belong to this fund.

### **Election**

Motion was made and duly seconded to elect a pastor and layman to fill the unexpired terms to the General Council (May, 1937) carried.

*General Council*—Rev. A. J. Scherer, Mr. Geo. Stiefelmeyer. Alternates: Rev. R. F. Buck, Mr. Louis Schweickhardt.

*General Conference and Joint General Synod*—A motion was made and duly seconded that the pastor and lay delegate elected shall represent our District at the General Conference and the Joint Synod (June 26-27). Carried.

Rev. L. Schweickhardt, Mr. Joseph Staba. Alternates: Rev. Fred Schweinfurth, Mr. P. M. Miller.

### **District Home Missions**

Rev. L. Schweickhardt, chairman of the District Home Mission Board, requested each worker in the field to present his work. The

following reported: Rev. Wiedenmann, Redland, Fla.; Rev. F. Mehrrens, Biloxi and Back Bay; Rev. L. Schweickhardt, Bethel; Rev. J. C. Rieger, Metairie; Rev. A. J. Scherer, Trinity; Rev. Norman Stock, Bethany; Rev. H. S. Ritter, Jacksonville and Lowell, Fla.

Mr. Arthur Seybold, Treasurer of the District, presented his report and the same was received and referred to the finance committee.

The Moderator appointed the following to serve as a finance committee, Rev. R. Buck, Mr. Geo. Stiefelmeyer and Rev. Theo. Mehl.

### **Report of Committee on Special Resolutions**

Rev. J. C. Rieger, reporting

1. We heartily endorse the principles of our Synod, so ably expressed in the report of our District President, and also his reaffirmation of our resolve ever to remain true to these principles, especially now, when we are about to unite with another church body.

2. The Committee refers the matter of a name for the church resulting from the merger to the consideration of the conference.

3. We also refer the suggested changes in the War Resolution to the District for discussion and eventual acceptance or rejection.

Upon motion the Southern District endorses and recommends the adoption of the name for the new church body resulting from the merger "*The United Church in America*." Upon motion the minority requested that the results as to votes for the above endorsement and recommendation be recorded. The vote was as follows: 14 votes for the name "*The United Church in America*" and 12 votes against.

Upon motion the Southern District also recommends the changes in our attitude toward war as recommended by the Detroit Pastors' Circle.

A. We favor the elimination of this sentence from the synodical resolution on our attitude towards war: "*We make this declaration of abstention as a Christian communion and do not intend to bind the individual unless and until they accept it personally.*"

B. We recommend the addition: "*In case of the outbreak of war we shall make every effort to keep our government from entanglement, to prevent the sale of munitions and supplies to belligerents and to counteract the forces of propaganda.*"

### **Report of Committee No. 3**

Rev. H. A. Dewald, reporting

1. Be it resolved that the Southern District express its thanks to Jackson Ave. Evangelical Church, its pastor the Rev. J. P. Quinius, the ladies of the church, the choir and its individual members for their hospitality in opening the doors of the church and their homes to the special conference of the Southern District.

2. Be it resolved that the thoughts and prayers of the Southern District go out in sympathy to the families of the Rev. C. W. Locher, D.D., highly esteemed and beloved General President of the Evangelical Synod of North America, the family of the Rev. E. G. Kuenzler, former



pastor of Salem Evangelical Church and host of the District Conference of last year and the family of Rev. R. E. W. Riemann, who suffered a loss during the conference year. Be it further resolved that a separate page in the minutes of this conference be reserved to record this resolution and that a copy be sent to the respective families.

3. Be it resolved that the Southern District wishes to its former Vice-president, the Rev. W. H. Aufderhaar, who recently moved to the Texas District, God's continued blessings in his new field of labor.

4. The Southern District urgently request the Central Board of Home Missions to refund to the mission churches in this district the pro-rated travelling expenses to the Special District Conference; combined amount of pastor and lay-delegate being \$21.00.

5. The Southern District resolves to present an honorarium of \$10.00 to its efficient secretary, the Rev. A. J. Scherer, in appreciation of his services.

6. The Southern District resolves in appreciation of the services of the janitor, Mr. G. Withmeyer, to present him an honorarium of \$10.00.

7. Be it resolved that the Southern District present an honorarium of \$5.00 to Miss J. Kohn, the office secretary of Jackson Ave. Evangelical Church, in appreciation of services rendered.

#### **Miscellaneous Resolutions**

The Finance Committee presented its report: We have found the Treasurer's report and books accurate and satisfactory. This report was received and adopted.

It was moved and duly seconded that appointments of Rev. N. A. Maunz, District Vice-president; Rev. H. A. Dewald, Chairman of Pension and Relief; Rev. J. S. Gohde, District Inspector of Fire and Storm Insurance, be sustained.

The Southern District recommends to the General Council that they print in one volume the minutes of the Special District Conferences as they propose the Biennial Minutes of District Conferences.

Rev. Roland Mernitz presented the following resolution: Resolved, that the Southern District adopt the following basis for pro-rating the travelling expenses of delegates to the Southern District Conference.

Delegates coming to the conference by railroad be asked to keep their expenses at the lowest possible sum, and this amount then be accepted in pro-rating.

Delegates driving to the conference in private automobiles shall be allowed not more than five cents per mile for the shortest highway distance between the home town and place at which conference is held. Passengers in such automobiles shall be allowed not more than one cent per mile.

If the total expense for driver and passengers of any one car exceeds the actual railroad fare between these points, round-trip railroad fare shall be used as the basis for pro-rating.

The minutes of these sessions were read and accepted as corrected. Following the roll call a motion was made that we adjourn.

Rev. J. P. Quinius, President of the District, offered the closing prayer.

Thus as we go about in our fields of labor, may God bless us in the consummation of His Kingdom.

Respectfully,

A. J. Scherer, Secretary.

*Rev. F. C. Schweinfurth*, Moderator.

*Rev. J. P. Quinius*, President



**MINUTES**  
of the  
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of the  
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of the  
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Held in  
**Evangelical Church**  
Rev. A. E. Klemme, Pastor  
**O'Fallon, Illinois**  
**Tuesday, May 1, 1934**

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The 45th Conference of the South Illinois District of the Evangelical Synod of North America, called at the suggestion of the Board of Directors of the Synod for the purpose of electing delegates to the General Conference of the Synod and to the conference in which the merger of our Church and the Reformed Church in the U. S. is to be consummated, convened at the Evangelical Church, O'Fallon, Ill., Rev. A. E. Klemme, pastor, Tuesday, May 1, at 2 P. M. The devotion was led by Rev. J. Mautke of Evansville, Ill. The conference was then called to order by the District President, Rev. H. J. Bredehoeft. Roll call was answered by 67 pastors, 56 delegates and three commissioned workers. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with. Rev. H. J. Bredehoeft was elected moderator and Rev. A. J. Engelbrecht vice-moderator. Rev. L. Kutz of Carlyle then presented a very interesting review of the closing chapter, "Grace" of Dr. R. Niebuhr's latest book. The conference then adjourned for committee work. At 4:15 P. M. the ministerium met in the conference church, while the lay delegates met at the Baptist church.

In the evening service the local pastor, Rev. A. Klemme, served at the altar and the Rev. Paul E. Schoppe brought the message, based on Luke 2: 49: "Know ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" In connection with this service which was enhanced by the anthems of the Junior and Senior choirs, the Lord's Supper was administered. Rev. Klemme cordially welcomed the members of the conference in the name of the congregation and the president of the district, Rev. H. J. Bredehoeft, responded in behalf of the district.

**Wednesday Morning, May 2, 8:30 A. M.**

The devotion was conducted by Rev. A. E. Reiss, based on Rom. 14: 8. The conference was called to order by the moderator. The roll call was then called and the minutes of the previous session were read and accepted. Committee No. 11 on Credentials reported. Motion

was made and carried to accept this report and to give voice and vote to the duly elected representatives of the congregations of the district.

Committee No. 1 on the District President's report presented the following resolutions, which were accepted:

1. The South Illinois District declares itself in full accord with its President in his pronouncement that the Church should always promote the cause of Christ and lose sight of itself.

2. To those congregations and pastors who have celebrated anniversaries we extend our felicitations and best wishes for continued progress in the work of the Lord.

3. The District is pleased to know that the General Council has made sincere and honest efforts to reduce the Synodical Budget.

4. In view of the fact that the Special General Conference is to be held primarily for the purpose of effecting the merger with the Reformed Church in the United States and that in the joint meeting of the two bodies, only a total of ten representatives from South Illinois will be required, the District hereby decides as a measure of economy to send but five pastors and five laymen to represent it at both conferences. All ten must be elected by ballot.

5. Since the institution of group meetings of church councils in the various religions has met with such generous response, the District approves of its continuation.

6. To the venerable brethren, Revs. Geo. Deckinger, F. Eggen and B. H. Heithaus, who have gone into retirement from the active ministry and to their dear wives who have shared with them the heat and burden of the day, we wish a pleasant and restful evening of their lives, and assure them of our continued interest in their well-being.

7. The District assures the Rev. Paul Press, the Honorable President of the Synod, of our sincere cooperation and support in the difficult tasks that confront him.

8. We are deeply grateful to the local congregation and its pastor for their readiness to entertain this conference and the splendid way in which they have done it. To the janitor the conference votes a present of five dollars for the extra work involved.

9. To our District President, Rev. H. J. Bredehoeft and his collaborators on the District Council, as also to the various boards and committees, we extend heartfelt thanks for their energetic and successful administration.

10. The South Illinois District deeply mourns the unexpected departure of our beloved leader and President, Dr. C. W. Locher, who after but five years in office as President, had fully acquainted himself with the work of our church and sincerely labored under the greatest difficulties. We realize keenly the debt our church owes his memory, and assures the bereaved family of our sympathy. May God grant that the untiring spirit and whole-hearted devotion of Dr. C. W. Locher long remain a guiding influence in our church.

11. The District expresses its sympathy to all in our church whose homes during the past conference year have been visited by death and



direct their hearts to the great Saviour Jesus Christ, who through his resurrection has hallowed the grave and came to prepare a place for the children of God.

Committee No. 3 then reported:

We the members of Committee No. 3 have examined and approved the records of the District Treasurer, Val Hirth.

*L. Malkemus*

*W. VonBrauchitsch*

*Clyde McNelly*

Upon the unanimous recommendation of the Examining Committee, approved by the ministerium, the following applicants were received into the membership of the District and the Synod:

a. The pastors Elmer L. Koch, Robert P. Nienkamp and Leonard F. Todd.

b. The congregations—Zoar, New Hanover, Ill., on condition that all the questions on the application blank be fully answered.

Committee No. 6 on Religious Education presented the following resolutions which were adopted:

1. We recognize the good work of the committee that organized the last Sunday School and League Convention at Edwardsville in August, 1933, but we suggest that in future conventions more emphasis be given to methods in teaching. After a review of the plans for the next convention, we invite the District to cooperate in that convention.

2. We realize that the figures on teachers' training are probably misleading, but the picture is pretty dark. We endorse Rev. Limper's suggestion that serious attention be given to teacher training. It is hardly fair to expect teachers to teach unless they have been taught.

3. We are happy that the synodical officers are willing to help in the religious education of the District, but we wish to remind the membership of our churches that the success of our work will depend upon local effort.

The following resolutions presented by Committee No. 7 on Young People's League were adopted:

We regret that as a committee we did not receive a written report on the basis of which we could present definite recommendations and resolutions.

Nevertheless on the basis of a brief oral report, and in the light of our acquaintance with the youth work of the district, we present the following resolutions:

1. We commend all those who had any share in the planning and execution of the district Sunday school and League Convention held at Edwardsville, Illinois, in August, 1933. We trust that the interest shown by and for youth at this convention may lead on to greater activity in the youth interests of the district.

2. We give hearty approval to the proposed regional youth conference to be held whenever possible in connection with Sunday school rallies. However, we urge the members of the district League Board

- a. To give extensive publicity to these conferences, and
- b. To indicate regional boundaries so that there may be no overlapping nor omission of congregations.

3. We recommend that during the coming year a committee, consisting of the district League Board, the officers and advisors of the district Sunday School and League convention, a representative of the district board of religious education, and such other interested individuals as may be deemed necessary, study the possibilities for more effective youth work in the district in the light of present-day needs and developments, and that such committee bring in definite and inclusive recommendations to the 1935 district conference.

4. We heartily recommend to the pastors and delegates of the district the Sunday School and League Convention to be held at Collinsville, August 28 and 29. We feel that an excellent program has been planned, which will meet the needs of Sunday school workers and youth alike, and therefore urge that extensive publicity be given to the convention, so that the quantity of attendance may measure up favorably to the quality of the program.

At this time Committee No. 8 on Women's Union reported. Following resolutions were adopted:

1. We recommend the whole-hearted support of the South Illinois District to the Annual Women's Union Rally.

2. We recommend that all societies lay special emphasis on definite objectives of the Evangelical Women's Union, especially the Thank-offering, the Student Aid Fund, and the Day of Prayer for Missions.

3. We look forward with great interest to the merger of the Evangelical Women's Union with the Women's Missionary Society of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

#### **Afternoon Session, May 2, 1:00 P. M.**

Following resolution in regard to the mode of election was adopted:

That we consider the 20 men among clergy and laymen receiving the most votes on the first ballot as our candidates and proceed to drop the low man after each succeeding ballot until a majority has been reached.

At this time Rev. Krause brought greetings from Rev. E. Schweitzer, the oldest pastor of the Synod. The secretary was instructed to return greetings and to thank the venerable brother for his kind wishes.

Committee No. 2 on the report of the District Vice-president presented the following resolutions which were adopted:

The South Illinois District accepts with gratitude the diligent work of the Vice-president in compiling the budget record of this district.

The South Illinois District notes with elation the fine response to the Sectional Council meetings held last fall for the purpose of acquainting individual church councils with synodical needs and financial problems.

The South Illinois District notes with regret the continuous de-



cline in budget contributions, but hopes that the optimistic trend in the commercial world shall soon be reflected in the support of Kingdom work by all congregations.

The South Illinois District advocates the continuation of the Sectional Council meetings.

Committee No. 5 on Ministerial Pensions and Relief reported and the following resolutions were adopted:

1. The District thanks God that through the gifts of the Christian people of our congregations, the Board of Pension and Relief was again able appreciably to help the pensioners of our Synod.

2. The District highly commends Mrs. M. Mack and Dr. D. Irion for returning the whole or part of their pension to be used in helping others.

3. The District urges all who are eligible and not yet members of the Pension Fund, to become such at their earliest convenience.

4. The District wishes to express its appreciation to all those who have taken special interest in supporting the Pension and Relief cause of our Synod: the Women's Union and other donors.

5. We express our appreciation to the Board of Pension and Relief for being able to secure funds sufficient to raise the pension of a pastor by \$10.00 and that of a widow by \$8.00.

6. We wish to express our appreciation to the Board of Endowment and Trust Fund and the Board of Pension and Relief for the efficient management of invested funds.

7. The District expresses its appreciation to the District Committee of Pension and Relief and to the synodical Board of Pension and Relief for the efficient services rendered.

At this time the Orphans' Home Association met, Rev. Wm. Weltge presiding. Following resolutions were adopted:

1. The Orphans' Home Association rejoices and is grateful to God that the health condition in the Home has been good during the past year.

2. We express sincere hope that there will be a number of Evangelical homes among the members of our congregations where the older girls and boys of the home can be placed.

3. We express hearty appreciation and sincere thanks to all friends of the House for the liberal support in prayer, provisions and finance, also to the members of the Board of Control, the Board of Directors, the Superintendent and his family for their tireless efforts in behalf of the Home.

Following resolution in regard to changing the time and the place of the meeting of the Association was adopted: Be it resolved that the meeting of the Orphans' Home Association be held annually at Hoyleton and that each member be notified thereof previously.

After a short recess the District again went into session.

Committee No. 12 on Traveling Expenses now reported. Upon the recommendation of the committee, accepted by the conference, the share

of each pastor, delegate and commissioned worker was established at \$2.15.

The Committee on Excuses recommended at this time that the pastors Ad. Kalkbrenner, H. Muehleisen and S. Schmiechen be excused from the conference and from sharing in the traveling expenses and that the congregations at Jerseyville, Central City, Murphysboro, Evansville, Freeburg, Lenzburg and Summerfield be reproved for not being present at this conference. The report of the committee was accepted.

Committee No. 9 on Brotherhood work now reported and the following resolutions were adopted:

1. We appreciate the work being done by the new officers of our Brotherhood under the leadership of Brother Geo. M. Thomas. We pledge our loyalty, support and cooperation.

2. We heartily approve of the officers' conferences held in the various regions. We believe that these meetings will arouse new interest, resulting in an increase of membership, and will assure success to the local Brotherhood in carrying out the National Program and its objectives.

3. Knowing the spiritual value received in our Men's Retreat, we urge that each local Brotherhood send at least one representative to the Retreat, which will be held at Eden Seminary, June 9-10, 1934.

### **Report of Laymen's Meeting**

Mr. Val. Hirth was elected chairman and Mr. Fred Bosher secretary. A communication, outlining the needs of the Synod and explaining the deficit was read by the chairman and discussed by Mr. Witthaus, in charge of the Synodical Recovery Program. The following resolution was then adopted: We, the lay delegates here assembled, indorse the Recovery Program as presented at this meeting and will make a special effort to assist the Synod in this program. Following resolutions, adopted by the laymen were now presented to the conference and accepted:

1. We the lay delegates of the South Illinois District in special conference here assembled at O'Fallon, Illinois, heartily endorse the Synodical Recovery Program.

2. We regret exceedingly and earnestly disapprove certain customs and practices that are gradually creeping into the social life of some of our congregations, because they are entirely foreign to Christian ideals and ethics, among them being games of chance, prize card parties, and the serving of malt and vinous beverages for profit.

3. We hold it to be the foremost duty of the church to follow the Master's example and to be actuated by His spirit in the service of mankind. In this endeavor, we recognize the need of a ministry deeply saturated with the spirit of Christ, a ministry that has a large Kingdom vision. We also need laymen who have higher aims than to live comfortably on this world's wealth, men who are willing to serve and to do the will of God. But important as these factors are, it is also true that the Church needs the necessary finances to carry



on a constructive Church program in this complex social structure of ours.

Therefore, we urge that every church in South Illinois District raise its allotted share of the 1934 Synodical Budget in order that the Church may properly exert its beneficent influence to which she is rightfully entitled.

At this time Mr. Witthaus, in charge of the Synodical Recovery Program addressed the conference on this vitally important matter.

By this time the election of delegates to the joint conference of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches was completed. Following men were elected:

*Delegates*—Rev. H. J. Bredehoeft, Rev. R. Kofer, Rev. H. H. Wintermeyer, Rev. C. H. Kluge, Rev. O. W. Heggemeier. Laymen: W. C. Heyl, Fred Rapp, Val. Hirth, F. T. Hotz, H. Pfeiffer.

*Alternates*—Rev. E. J. Westerbeck, Rev. Paul E. Schoppe, Rev. Karl Mueller, Rev. A. J. Engelbrecht, Rev. A. E. Klemme. Laymen: H. W. Bauer, E. W. Schmallenberger, C. E. Tiedemann, A. C. Schneider, Geo. Wirth.

The Secretary was instructed to cast a ballot for all men, pastors and laymen, elected as delegates to the joint conference, to elect same men to represent the District at our General Conference.

Committee No. 14, the Nominating Committee, proposed the following men to fill the vacancies which had occurred in the past year:

District Council (vacancy W. Beck) C. Schikedanz.

Judiciary (vacancy Mr. Johannesottel) Fred Rapp.

Foreign Missions (vacancy L. Koch) Wm. Kropp.

These men were elected by acclamation.

Committee No. 17, Special Resolutions, presented the following resolution, which was adopted: The South Illinois District hereby resolves that the District officers, namely, President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer may not hold the same office for more than four successive years.

After prayer by Rev. A. J. Engelbrecht the 45th conference of the South Illinois District adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Paul E. Schoppe*, Secretary.

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**SPECIAL CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**TEXAS DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**Friedens Evangelical Church**  
R. F. Kuretsch, Pastor  
**Beasley, Texas**  
**April 16-18, 1934**

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**Services and Devotions**

The Special Conference of the Texas District was impressively opened with a service on Monday night, April 16. Rev. H. G. Borne served at the altar and Rev. C. Wolff preached the sermon on the basis of Luke 18: 37, working out the subject, "The Church's Need of Re-thinking." Rev. R. F. Kuretsch warmly welcomed the conference guests and Rev. R. Mohr, as president, replied in behalf of the district.

The Tuesday morning session was opened with prayer, song and scripture reading by Rev. J. Jaworski. The session was closed with devotions by Rev. J. Kasiske on the basis of 2 Timothy 2: 8. This was the memorial service and service in preparation for Holy Communion.

On Tuesday afternoon, Rev. F. Anderson led in devotions on the subject, "The Church, Our Great Mother."

In the Tuesday evening service, Rev. W. H. Aufderhaar served at the altar and Rev. F. W. Schaefer preached the sermon on the basis of Acts 1: 8. At this service Rev. R. Mohr, president, expressed the thanks of the district to Rev. R. F. Kuretsch and the congregation at Beasley for the fine hospitality and kindness enjoyed.

The Wednesday morning session was opened with prayer by Rev. E. H. Schwengel and the closing prayer of the conference sessions was led by Rev. C. Kniker.

**Paper**

Rev. D. Baltzer reviewed Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr's latest book, "Reflections on the End of an Era."

**General**

Rev. E. J. Westerbeck, Columbia, Illinois, represented the Board of Directors of the Synod and gave timely and inspiring information and advice on synodical matters.

Rev. C. Wolff served as moderator and Rev. D. Baltzer as vice-moderator for the duration of the conference.

Rev. R. Mohr spoke on the coming 50th anniversary of the district and stressed the need of gathering historical material.



### Miscellaneous Resolutions

1. Inasmuch as railroad and bus fares have been reduced, be it resolved to reduce allowance for travelling expenses to those coming by car from present scale of 3c and 5c to 1½c and 3c per mile.
2. Resolved that the Texas District do all in its power to further the plan to wipe out the Synod's indebtedness as presented by the Board of Directors of the Synod. (Rising vote, unanimous.)
3. The Texas District conveys its heartiest thanks to Rev. R. F. Kuretsch and family and to the Beasley congregation for the hospitality enjoyed and asks its president to convey these thanks at the proper time.
4. Resolved that Rev. E. H. Puhlmann be accepted into the Synod, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors of the Synod.
5. Resolved that the following be excused and relieved of participation in the equalization of traveling expenses, pastors, G. Deislinger, H. Barnofske, John Straus, J. Ziegler, Mr. F. Kloppe, congregations, Lockhart, Three Oaks, Schulenburg, New Baden, Birch, Dime Box, Karnes City.
6. Resolved that the election committee be empowered to limit the number of candidates in a possible run-off election for clergy and lay representatives to the Special General Conference and the First General Synod of the Evangelical and Reformed Church.
7. Resolved that the present price-scale be maintained for the Gemeindebote.
8. The district endorses the request of the district council in asking 8% of the synodical budget assigned to the congregations for district purposes, which amount is in addition to the synodical budget.
9. Resolved that the matter of invitation to the next district conference be referred to the congregation at Otto for a decision.
10. Resolved that hearty thanks be extended to all committees and to all those who have helped make the conference a success.
11. Resolved to thank moderator and vice-moderator.
12. Resolved that Rev. E. J. Westerbeck be asked to convey heartfelt greetings to the district conferences that he is still to attend.
13. Resolved that the conference thanks Rev. E. J. Westerbeck for the distinct contribution that he has made at the conference of the Texas District.

### Elections for Special General Conference and First General Synod of Evangelical and Reformed Church

Clerical delegates: R. Mohr, D. Baltzer, C. Wolff.

Clerical alternates: H. G. Borne, C. Mueller, R. F. Kuretsch.

Lay delegates: A. R. Scheef, R. C. Malitz, H. F. Pochyla.

Lay alternates: F. W. Gerke, W. A. Puls, E. G. Hudel.

Respectfully,

*Paul C. Kniker*, Secretary.

*C. Wolff*, Conference Moderator.

*Robt. Mohr*, President.

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**42 (Special) CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**WEST MISSOURI DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**Evangelical Church**  
Rev. Fr. Stoerker, Pastor  
**Boonville, Missouri**  
**April 10-11, 1934**

**Conference Committees**

1. Committee on Credentials—Pastors: E. W. Berlekamp, N. Schultz. Delegate: Billingsville.
2. Report on Synodical Matters—Pastors: Theo. Hauck, J. Sauer, G. Kreuzenstein, Theo. Pfundt. Delegates: Concordia, Hartsburg, Jefferson City.
3. Report on District Matters—Pastors: S. P. Bittner, E. H. Beisenherz, J. Abele, N. Lehman. Delegates: Napoleon, Independence, Higginsville.
4. Report on Traveling Expense—Pastor: D. C. Jensen. Delegate: Kansas City (St. Peters).
5. Election of General Conference Delegates—Pastors: F. Imel, Carl Schmidt. Delegates: St. Joseph (Trinity), Sedalia.

Acting upon an order of the Board of Directors of the Evangelical Synod of North America, the West Missouri District met in a special district conference at the Evangelical Church at Boonville, Mo., Rev. Fr. Stoerker, pastor, on April 10 and 11, 1934.

The conference was called to order by the president of the district, Rev. J. C. Bierbaum.

Rev. Theo. Hauck conducted the opening devotion at 10 o'clock A. M. of the 10th of April. Basing his devotion on Matt. 16: 13-20 he pointed out that Christ is building his church and that we are his co-laborers; the church is clothed with authority and is a permanent church.

The roll call showed 28 pastors and 30 lay-delegates present. The president of the district, Rev. J. C. Bierbaum thereupon declared the conference ready for business.

Rev. J. C. Bierbaum was elected moderator of the conference and Rev. Clyde Koehler was elected vice-moderator.

Mr. G. F. Boller, president of the entertaining church, bid the



conference a hearty welcome and assured us that the Evangelical Church at Boonville is happy to serve the members of the conference. To these words of welcome the moderator responded with words expressing the appreciation of the conference.

The reports of the district officers and boards were then read to the conference:

### **Resolutions**

#### **Synodical Affairs**

We bow in deep humility to the will of Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his infinite wisdom has called our beloved and esteemed president, Dr. C. W. Locher, from the church militant into the church triumphant.

We share with him the conviction of a victorious faith in Christ as expressed in his last report to the districts and dedicate ourselves anew to the service of Christ and his church.

We invoke God's richest blessing and guidance upon the forthcoming special general conference of our Synod and the consummation of the merger of the Reformed Church in the U. S. with our Evangelical Synod.

#### **District Affairs**

The district commends the churches which raised their synodical budget, especially those that raised even more than their budget, and urges all churches to raise their budget in 1934. The district is decidedly of the opinion that no church should fail to do something toward raising its budget.

The district appreciates the splendid work being accomplished by our mission church, St. Pauls in Kansas City and its pastor Rev. O. Rumpf.

The district authorizes the president of the district to appoint the district representative in the student chapel administration.

The district authorizes its Evangelical League Committee to give \$40 to the student work in Columbia, Mo., and \$40 to our mission church, St. Pauls in Kansas City.

The district extends to the Evangelical Church at Boonville, Mo., its pastor and his family, church organizations and members its sincerest thanks for the splendid hospitality shown the conference.

### **Laymen's Report**

The meeting of the lay delegates of the forty-second conference of the West Missouri District was called to order Tuesday, April 10, 1934, at 1:30 P. M. by Mr. Wm. Buschmeyer.

Mr. Buschmeyer was chosen chairman of this meeting and Mrs. E. W. Argo of Kansas City, secretary.

Mr. Wm. Stratemeier of Independence moved that the name of the proposed merged church be The Evangelical and Reformed Church. Motion carried.

Mr. L. Bahrenburg of Sedalia moved a committee of three be appointed to draft a resolution in regard to the district group meetings.

Mr. L. Bahrenburg, Mr. Wm. Stratmeier and Mrs. E. W. Argo were appointed.

The committee presented the following resolution: The lay delegates of the West Missouri District indorse the work done by the officers and the various boards of the district in promoting the work of the group meetings of the various organizations, i. e., Brotherhood Women's Union, Evangelical League and Sunday school and urge all congregations to give their wholehearted support in attending these meetings. It was moved to adopt this resolution. Motion was carried.

No other business appearing the meeting was closed by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison.

*Mrs. (E. W.) Clara Argo, Secretary.*

The conference adopted the report to be included into its minutes.

### **Pastors Received into Membership**

Upon motion of the ministerium and seconded by a lay delegate the Rev. Oscar J. Rumpf and the Rev. Charles W. Schwantes were received into membership with the Evangelical Synod of North America.

### **Conference Speakers**

On Tuesday morning the Rev. G. Nussmann addressed the conference on "Main Thought Currents of the Reformation and Their Significance Today." In his very able address he showed how the main thought currents in the two branches of the Reformation, Lutheran and Reformed, were so very much alike and how closely akin their development has been. For his work Rev. Nussmann received a vote of thanks from the district.

Tuesday afternoon the Rev. Dr. Timothy Lehmann, President of Elmhurst College, was presented to the conference and he addressed the conference upon Elmhurst College and the work of the Synod at large.

### **Greetings and Excuses**

Rev. S. P. Bittner brought greetings from Miss Anna Bechtold, missionary to Honduras, to the conference. The conference authorized Rev. Bittner to convey again the greetings of the conference to Miss Bechtold.

At their own request Rev. E. W. Pusch was excused from attendance at the conference and from participation in the traveling expenses and Rev. J. Sauer and Rev. F. C. Sabrowsky from attendance.

### **Traveling Expenses**

A resolution was adopted to compensate drivers of cars at rate of 2c per mile if driver is alone and 5c per mile if he brings passenger or passengers.

Upon recommendation of the committee on equalization of traveling expenses the traveling expenses were set at \$2 per member and registration at \$1 per member.

### **Columbia Trip**

The Evangelical Brotherhood of Boonville furnished cars to take the conference members to Columbia, Mo., to see the student chapel.



The Rev. F. C. Klick led in a short devotion at the chapel and Mr. Glen Mutti, president of the Columbia congregation, bid us a hearty welcome. Members of the congregation then served refreshments.

### **Pastoral Conference**

The district authorizes a district pastoral conference in the fall and makes attendance at same obligatory for its pastors.

### **Gratification**

The conference authorizes the treasurer to pay the janitor of the local church \$5 for his services during the conference.

### **Evening Worship**

At 8 o'clock on Tuesday evening we met for a service of worship and communion. Rev. Fr. Stoerker led the worship of devotion and Rev. J. C. Bierbaum preached the sermon. Basing his remarks on the words: "I have fought a good fight," he showed life to be a fight against the world, against the devil, and against our flesh. But it is a good fight, in the interest of good and in Christ must have a good ending. The Junior Choir of the local church sang an anthem. Rev. Stoerker and Rev. Bierbaum then served the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

### **Morning Devotion**

On Wednesday morning the Rev. F. C. Klick led us in the morning devotion. He based his words on the word: "He could not be hid." Jesus could not be hid because, (1) the purpose of his coming forbids it; (2) the innate glory of the Son of God forbids it; (3) the desperate need of sinners made it impossible that he should be hid; (4) the deep and abiding gratitude of his followers forbids that he should be hid; (5) those who follow him cannot be hidden more than their Master.

### **Election**

A resolution was adopted to send our full quota of delegates to the Special General Conference of the Evangelical Synod of North America.

The following were elected delegates to the Special General Conference of the Evangelical Synod:

Delegates: J. C. Bierbaum, ex officio. Pastors: Clyde Koehler and Frederick Stoerker. Laymen: Louis Bahrenburg and Wm. Buschmeyer.

Alternates—Pastors: S. P. Bittner and E. F. Abele. Laymen: D. S. Bockhorst and E. H. Stratemeier.

Those chosen delegates to the General Conference of the Evangelical Synod with the Reformed Church in the U. S. are:

Delegates—Pastors: F. C. Klick and J. C. Bierbaum. Laymen: Louis Bahrenburg and Wm. Buschmeyer.

Alternates—Pastors: Clyde Koehler and Frederick Stoerker. Laymen: D. S. Bockhorst and E. H. Stratemeier.

### **Closing**

The business of the conference having been completed the Rev. Paul Niedermeyer led in the closing devotion, after which the conference adopted a resolution to adjourn sine die.

Respectfully, *Paul Niedermeyer, Secretary.*

**MINUTES**  
of the  
**SPECIAL CONFERENCE**  
of the  
**WISCONSIN DISTRICT**  
of the  
**Evangelical Synod of North America**  
Held in  
**First Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Rev. Paul C. Kehle, Pastor  
**Ripon, Wisconsin**  
**May 22 and 23, 1934**

The Special Conference (45th) of the Wisconsin District convened in the First Evangelical Lutheran Church at Ripon, Wis., on May 22, 1934.

The opening devotions were conducted by the Rev. W. G. Schwemmer of Stevens Point at 10:30 A. M. on the basis of Ephesians 4: 1-16. A hearty word of welcome was addressed to the assembly by the host, Rev. Paul C. Kehle, to which Rev. W. H. Schlinkmann, the president of the Wisconsin District, responded.

The report of the president, Rev. W. H. Schlinkmann, was given at this time, followed by a report of the chairman of the credentials committee, Rev. H. A. Crusius. For the election of the moderator the following candidates were proposed: Rev. E. Gehle and Rev. W. H. Schlinkmann. Rev. W. H. Schlinkmann was elected.

Guests presented were: Rev. H. C. Stamer of the M. E. Church of Wausau, Prof. C. Schneider of Eden Seminary, Mr. F. A. Keck, synodical treasurer of St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Keck was given an opportunity to speak to the conference.

For vice-moderator Rev. P. C. Kehle was nominated and the nomination closed. The secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for his election.

The secretary presented the conference program as outlined by the district council for adoption. It was accepted as presented.

After the ballots were distributed, a motion was made to accept them as presented by the committee. The conference decided to elect only one group of delegates, this group to represent the district at the special general conference and also at the first joint synod. Furthermore it was moved that after the informal ballot the names of the fifteen highest pastors and those of the fifteen highest laymen be placed on the second ballot unless one or more had received a majority vote, and all those who are tied for the fifteenth place be also accepted thereon. This motion was carried. It was also moved and carried that where the names of the delegates were not on the ballot, the vote



should be cast for the congregation. So accepted. Hereupon the conference proceeded with the election, after which it adjourned for the noon-meal.

At the opening of the afternoon session other guests were welcomed, namely: Dr. Paul Grosshuesch, president of the Reformed Mission House, Mr. Gilbert Frohne, Rev. Karl Brunn and Rev. John Siegel, the latter two as new pastors in the district.

The Board of Examiners recommended to the district the following congregations: Evangelical St. John's Church, Town Wayne (Kohlsville) and Christ Evangelical Church, Cudahy. These congregations were accepted into the synod. A word of greeting by the president of the district was addressed to the representatives of both the churches.

The credentials and equalization committee recommended the travelling expenses for auto drivers to be set at 3c per mile, those who came by rail at the current fares, and that those delegates who travelled with someone else by auto, cannot collect. This recommendation was accepted upon motion.

Prof. Carl E. Schneider of Eden Theological Seminary read a very instructive paper on: "Genius of the Reformed Church in the United States of America." This lecture was received with a vote of thanks.

The ballot clerks reported that one hundred and seventeen votes had been cast on the first ballot for delegates to the special general conference and the joint synod. Rev. W. H. Schlinkmann received a majority by having fifty-nine votes. A second ballot was distributed containing the names of twelve pastors and those of eighteen delegates (four being tied for fifteenth place).

At this time announcement was made by the district president of the sudden departure from this life of Rev. George Recht. A prayer was spoken by Rev. H. Niefer, D.D., followed by a song by the assembly: "Wer weiss wie nahe mir mein Ende." The following resolution was adopted:

"Der Evang. Zoar-Gemeinde, Rockfield, Wis., die durch den ploetzlichen Heimgang von Pastor Georg Recht zum zweiten Male innerhalb Jahresfrist ihren Prediger und Seelsorger verloren hat, spricht die Konferenz die aufrichtigste Teilnahme aus und wuenscht ihr, dass diese schwere Heimsuchung sich fuer die Gemeinde zum Segen auswirken moege nach der Verheissung des Gottes Wortes: 'Denen, die Gott lieben, muessen alle Dinge zum besten dienen.'"

Dr. Paul Grosshuesch of the Mission House of the Reformed Church delivered an address on: "The Reformed Element in Wisconsin." A rising vote of thanks was given the speaker by the conference.

The laymen were requested to remain after the session for a separate meeting to be given an opportunity to hear Mr. F. A. Keck, treasurer of the Synod.

In the second ballot one hundred and ten votes were cast and a minority of fifty-six votes was required. Elected were: Rev. Paul C. Kehle with sixty-four votes, Rev. E. C. Grauer with fifty-seven, and

Mr. Otto Grauer with sixty-two. The third ballot bearing the names of six pastors and twelve delegates was then distributed and the vote taken. The afternoon session was adjourned with prayer led by Rev. E. J. Fleer.

Services were conducted in the evening during which Rev. C. Hammen was in charge of the liturgical part. Rev. W. H. Schlinkmann delivered the English sermon on the text Col. 2: 10 and Rev. H. Niefer, D.D., spoke in German on Romans 1: 14: "I am a debtor to both Greek and Jew." The choir rendered beautiful anthems.

### Wednesday, May 23, 1934

Devotions were conducted at 9:00 A. M. by the Rev. R. M. A. Gadow, who spoke on "The One Thing Needful."

The balloting committee reported the results of the third ballot. One hundred votes were cast. Mr. O. Wiechering, lay delegate from Oshkosh, was declared elected. It was then moved that the names of four pastors and six laymen be placed on the fourth ballot. This motion was carried and acted upon.

Mr. J. Utech of Wauwatosa, Wis., was granted voice and vote by recommendation of the credentials committee. The same committee also submitted the following report:

"Congregations to be excused from paying travelling expenses are: St. Paul, Ackerville; St. John, Ackerville; Browntown, Jordan, Wayne Parish; Peace, Fall Creek, and St. Paul, Libertyridge.

"Congregations not excused from paying are: St. John, Monroe, and St. Peter, Saukville.

"The pastors to be excused from conference and paying travelling expenses are: Rev. H. C. Dallmann, Rev. G. A. Hensel, Rev. K. Kuenne, Rev. R. Zielinski, besides Miss Irma Redetzke, commissioned worker. Not excused from travelling expenses are: Rev. P. A. Schuh and Rev. Paul Wendt."

The following resolutions presented by the resolutions committee were adopted by the conference:

1. The district wishes to express its thanks to the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ripon, to the Rev. and Mrs. P. C. Kehle, and to all others who have helped to make the conference so pleasant and enjoyable.

2. The district wishes to express its thanks to those who took part in the program: the Rev. W. G. Schwemmer, Prof. C. Schneider, Dr. P. Grosshuesch, Rev. W. H. Schlinkmann, Rev. H. Niefer, D.D., Rev. C. Hammen, Rev. R. M. A. Gadow, Dr. Silas Evans, the Rev. C. H. Franke, Rev. P. C. Kehle, and the Rev. P. Bratzel.

3. The district is moved by the death of the president of the Synod, Dr. C. W. Locher, and of the following pastors of the district: The Rev. C. D. Reichle, Rev. John Frohne, Rev. W. Leonhardt, Rev. G. Fischer, D.D., Rev. G. Recht, and all other Evangelicals who departed this life during the past year. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to



the bereaved families. We are deeply conscious of the loyal and sacrificial services rendered by them in their respective fields of labor.

4. The district welcome St. John's Evangelical Church of Kohlsville and the re-organized Christ Evangelical Church of Cudahy into mebership of the Synod, and expresses the hope that such churches that are as yet not members of the Synod, will do likewise.

5. To the pastors and churches privileged to celebrate special anniversaries, the district extends hearty felicitations.

6. The district urges the pastors and churches to send delegates to the joint convention of Church School Workers and Young People, June 27-29, at Trinity Evangelical Church, Milwaukee, and the National Brotherhood Federation, August 21-24, at the Milwaukee Auditorium.

7. The district votes a gratification of \$10.00 to the janitor of the conference church for his services.

Dr. Silas Evans, president of Ripon College, addressed the conference on this subject: "Where May Religious Authority Be Found?" A rising vote of thanks was given him.

Election results on the fourth ballot were: 105 votes cast, making 53 votes necessary for a majority. Rev. M. M. Schmidt was elected with 74 votes, Mr. Robert Wendt, 62, and Mr. Wm. Andressohn, 58.

For the fifth ballot it was moved that the names of the three remaining pastors and those of the four highest laymen be placed on the list. This motion was carried, and the fifth ballot was prepared.

The results of this final balloting were: Rev. H. Niefer, D.D., with 53 out of 93 votes and Mr. Wm. Quandt with 51 out of ninety-two votes.

Alternates to the special general conference and first joint synod are the pastors: Theodore Irion, E. Gehle, H. A. Crusius, A. H. Franke and E. J. Fleer. Laymen: H. E. Schowalter, William Giese, Otto Illig, Otto Berner, and J. P. Beuscher.

Mr. J. P. Beuscher at this time arose to have his protest against the elimination of the candidates from the ballot recorded.

The conference authorized the district council to approve the minutes of the conference.

Adjournment followed at 11:30 A. M. after which the Memorial and Communion Services were held. The memorial sermon was delivered by Rev. C. H. Franke, Rev. Paul T. Bratzel served at the altar and assisted the Rev. Paul C. Kehle at the communion table.

The conference once more gathered together around the noon meal table, at which time opportunity was given for such who had a message to bring or an announcement to make. At the close the president of the district instructed the Rev. E. C. Grauer to officially thank the women who had so wonderfully entertained all the guests at the meals. This function was carried through in Rev. Grauer's inimitable manner.

*Paul T. Bratzel, Secretary.*

Read and approved:

*W. H. Schlinkmann, Moderator and President.*

















